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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship ASIA, 1,579 tons, 250 H. P., Commander J. Patterson, will be despatched on the 10th May 1870, at noon.

	May		May
Leave Bombay	10	Leave Colombo	17
" Ratnagherry	11	" Galle	18
" Vingorla	12	" Negapatam	21
" Carwar	13	" Cuddalore	22
" Mangalore	13	" Madras	25
" Cannanore	14	" Coconada	27
" Tellicherry	15	" Vizagapatam	28
" Calicut	16	" Bimlipatam	28
" Beypore	16	" Gopalpore	29
" Cochin	17	" False Point	30
" Tuticorin	16	Arrive Calcutta	31

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neighbourhood of Cochin, Baugalore, who can land at Calicut or Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, is in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

The Steam-ship EUPHRATES, 650 Tons, 120 H.P., W. A. Hessey, Commander, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 9th May 1870, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, GENERAL OUTRAM, and TILLY.

ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the undermentioned Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
" Ratnagherry	Sunday.	" Beypore	Saturday.
" Malwan	"	" Calicut	"
" Vingorla	"	" Tellicherry	"
" Goa	Monday.	" Cannanore	"
" Carwar	"	" Mangalore	Sunday.
" Coompta	"	" Coompta	Monday.
" Mangalore	Tuesday.	" Carwar	"
" Cannanore	Wednesday.	" Goa	Tuesday.
" Tellicherry	"	" Vingorla	"
" Calicut	"	" Malwan	"
" Beypore	"	" Ratnagherry	Wednesday
Arrive Cochin	Thursday.	Arrive Bombay	Thursday.

The Steamer LORD CLYDE Captain Kinsocum, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY next, the 7th instant, at 4 P.M.

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 2nd May, 1870.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

THE A 1 s. s. JOHN DRYDEN, 1057 tons, Captain D. Skis. This vessel has excellent accommodation for First-class Passengers, and will be despatched hence about the 15th proximo.

For further particulars, rates of Freight and Passage, apply to JEFFERSON, CAMPBELL, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 27th April 1870.

STEAM FROM BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE fine first-class full power Screw Steamer ADALIA, Sanderson, Commander, 1,770 Tons register, will be despatched for Liverpool direct on or about the 22nd instant. This Steamer has a spar deck with splendid accommodation for a few First-class Passengers. Passage to Liverpool £45, exclusive of Wines and Liquors.

For further particulars apply to

MACDONALD, TWEEDIE, & Co., Agents.

Victoria Buildings, Bombay, 2nd May 1870.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE

(via SUEZ CANAL.)

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA (in case of need), and MARSEILLES.

LA COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.—MARC FRAISSINET PERE and FILS will DESPATCH STEAMERS MONTHLY from BOMBAY to MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL, thus dispensing with the necessity of transhipment of Goods and Passengers at Suez and Alexandria.

Freight.—The Company undertakes to grant through Bills of Lading for Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Malta, Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia, Naples, Barcelona, Havre, and other Continental Ports. They have also made arrangements to forward Cotton at a through rate from Bombay to the principal towns in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Spain.

Shippers will have the option, on due notice being given, of detaining at Marseilles Cotton destined for other parts of the Continent; the Freight on same to be regulated at the average rate paid by the same Steamer.

Freight on Goods shipped to Europe to be payableat Marseilles in French money.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize rom up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's "Floating Policy, on goods shipped by their own Steamers. Premiums of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles ¾ per cent.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
To Aden	£25	£15
" Suez	£40	£22-10
" Port Said	£42	£24
" Marseilles	£56	£36

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare.

In accordance with the above, the Steam Ship EUROPE, 3,800 tons, Captain Martinez, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 6th May, and will be followed by the AFRIQUE, to sail about the 5th June.

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 29th April, 1870.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY, VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

Direct Service between Bombay, Messina, Naples, Leghorn, and Genoa.)

THE Italian Steam Navigation Company of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., under contract with the Italian Government, for carrying the Royal Mails between Genoa, Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily, Tunis and Alexandria, have received MONTHLY STEAMERS from Bombay to run, for the present, to the above-named Italian Ports, for which purpose four new English-built First Class Steamers of 2,000 Tons each, now in course of construction, will be put on the line very shortly.

The steamers will leave this Port about the end of each month until further notice.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£26	£15	£4	
" Suez	" 22	" 12	" 8	Including Wines
" Port Said	" 20	" 24	" 9	
" Messina	" 48	" 33	" 12	
" Naples	" 50	" 35	" 13	
" Leghorn	" 53	" 36	" 15	Without Food
" Genoa	" 58	" 36	" 15	

Children under 3 years, free of charge.

Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Passengers are allowed to break the voyage at any of the above named Mediterranean Ports, and are free to proceed by any of the Company's vessels to the port of destination marked on their Ticket.

Passengers returning within 6 months of their departure from Bombay by the Steamers of the Company, are entitled to a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Fare.

Berths may be secured in advance by depositing half the amount of fare.

In accordance with the above, the first-class S. S. "RIFFO," 1,800 tons, affording excellent accommodation for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Passengers, will be despatched from Bombay about the end of May.

For Prospectuses of this new Steamer line, as also for rates of freight, &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS,

Genie Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 11th April 1870.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, VENICE, NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, BARCELONA, HAVRE, ADEN, AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, under arrangements with other first class lines of Steamers from Alexandria, undertake to give through Bills of Lading for Goods via Egypt to the above and most other Continental Ports and to Liverpool direct.

A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

RATES OF FARE.

To Liverpool via Suez Canal—1st class £55 ; 2nd class £35 } Exclusive of Wines.
To Suez—1st class £40 ; 2nd class £22 10s. }
To Trieste (exclusive of Transit)—1st class £53 ; 2nd class £31. }

Passengers by or for our Steamers will be furnished with First-class Tickets between Alexandria and Marseilles by Messrs. Fraissinet & Co.'s line for £10 ; making the passage-money between Bombay and Marseilles £50, exclusive of transit in Egypt.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London ; Messrs. Ted, Kennard & Co., Liverpool ; Messrs. Ted, Rathborne & Co., Alexandria ; Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, Trieste and Venice ; Messrs. Fraissinet Pere et Fils, Marseilles ; and Messrs. R. Rubattino and Co., Genoa ; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

The Steam-ship NEERA, 2,200 Tons, Captain Hasson, will be despatched on SATURDAY, 21st May.

The Steam-ship KRISHNA, 1,900 Tons, Captain Bonfellow, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 30th May.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 2nd May 1870.

THE BOMBAY AND BENGAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

TO LIVERPOOL VIA CANAL.

THE NEERA leaving 21st, and the KRISHNA 30th May, will be despatched via the Canal to LIVERPOOL.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY THROUGH TO LIVERPOOL

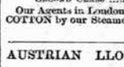
First Class £55
Second Class £35

Our Agents in London are prepared to obtain POLICIES on COTTON by our Steamers via Canal at 20s. per cent W.A.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, VIA SUEZ CANAL.



THE Company intends to despatch EVERY MONTH a Steamer from TRIESTE to BOMBAY, and *vice versâ*. The new Steamer APIS, 1,400 Tons, Captain Benich, will leave Bombay for Trieste on or about the 15th May, and will be followed by the new Steamer SPHINX, 1,400 tons, on or about the 5th June.

These Steamers have limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers.

PASSENGER RATES FROM BOMBAY :

	Cabin.	Deck without Food.
To Aden	£16	£6 -15
To Suez	£28	£11-15
To Port Said	£30	£12-15
To Tricste	£40	£16-10

Cargo taken for Trieste direct, also for Venice, Constantinople, and Odessa.

Besides the above direct line, there is a weekly service by Mail STEAMERS between Alexandria and Trieste, and *vice versâ*, in conjunction with the P. & O. Co.'s Mail Steamers to and from Suez. The Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Trieste immediately after the arrival of the Bombay and Calcutta Mails from Suez. The distance between Alexandria and Trieste is 200 miles shorter than that between Alexandria and Marseilles, and the voyage to Trieste is much more agreeable, it being a coasting trip full of variety of beautiful scenery from the Island of Candia to the Port of Trieste. The passage occupies only 4½ to 5 days, and the Company's best Steamers are employed on this Line, which are built expressly for this service, with special regard to the accommodation and comfort of passengers, and have each an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveler to England has an extensive choice of picturesque and interesting routes, occupying from three days six hours to five days to London, at an expense varying from £7 to £15.

Passengers by the P & O. Co.'s steamers to Suez can have their baggage forwarded by that Company's steamers to Southampton, at a charge of 10s. per cwt., to which the Austrian Lloyd's Agent at Suez will attend.

The undersigned Agents grant also passage tickets for the steamers plying between Alexandria and Trieste, and for the railway between Suez and Alexandria.

PASSENGER RATES FROM ALEXANDRIA TO TRIESTE :

First Class..... £13 | Second Class £9

Children under 10 years at Half Fare ; under 2 years, Free.

REDUCED FARES FOR FAMILIES, consisting of not less than 3 adult members travelling together :—First Class, £10-16 per head; Second Class, £7-10 per head.

Railway tickets from SUEZ to ALEXANDRIA, with all the privileges of passengers by the P. & O. Co., First Class, £4-10 ; Second Class, £2-5. Children over 3 and under 10 years at Half Fare.

Under arrangements made with the Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, Messrs. Stearns, Hobart & Co., Agents, Passengers from BOMBAY can book through to TRIESTE via ALEXANDRIA at the following rates, (not including Transit through Egypt) :—First Class, £38 ; Second Class, £34, exclusive of wines.

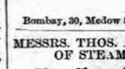
In conjunction with the Austrian Lloyd, Cargo for Trieste and Venice can be booked through from Bombay by the P. & O. Co.; and the Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Co., carry via Bombay from the various ports touched at by the steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company.

For further particulars, and for freight and passage apply to

A. C. GUMPERT & Co.,
Agents for the Austrian Lloyd.

Bombay, 30, Medow Street.

MESSRS. THOS. AND JAS. HARRISON'S LINE OF STEAMERS, VIA SUEZ CANAL.



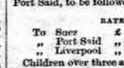
THE s. s. CORDOVA, 1060 T. R., 250 H.P., Captain Hyde, Commander, the FIRST VESSEL of this LINE, will SAIL about 17TH MAY for LIVERPOOL, touching at Suez and Port Said, to be followed at short intervals by other steamers :—

RATES OF PASSAGE—1ST CLASS.

To Suez £ 30 } Exclusive of Wines, &c., which can
" Port Said " 32 } be obtained on board at moderate
" Liverpool " 45 } rates.

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare. For further particulars, rates of freight, and forms of Bills of Lading, apply to WALLACE & Co., Agents.

25 Church Gate Street.



STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Ports :—

Fares from Bombay to	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Butchers Island and Corun.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	3 0	2 0	3 0
Second Class	0 12	1 0	0 8	0 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 9

The Dhurumtur Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M.

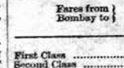
The Oolwa Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Bombay, 5th November 1867.

STEAM TO THE MALABAR COAST.



THE well known First Class Steamer PHLOX, D. Baker, Commander, will leave for the undernamed Ports, every FRIDAY, starting from the Apollo Bunder at 3 P.M.

Hurnee, Malwan,
Unjanweil, Vingorla,
Ratnagherry, Goa,
Jeytapoor, Panjim.

For Freight or Passage apply to NUSSERWANJEE KERSASJEE, Bazaar Gate Street, and for Charter to J. DIXON, Apollo Street.

FOR LONDON.

TO SAIL EARLY NEXT MONTH.

(Under engagement to H. M.'s Government for conveyance of Troops).

THE Composite Clipper-built Ship DILHAREE, 1,293 Tons, W. H. Bisset, Commander, classed A1 16 years at Lloyds. This vessel has excellent accommodation for First-class Passengers, and will sail as above.

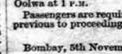
For particulars as to rates of Freight and Passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 28th April 1870.

FOR LONDON.

Calling at Havre, if sufficient inducement offer.



THE new first class AA 1 Iron Ship BRITISH EMPIRE, 1,499 tons register, Alexander Deuchars, Commander, having fully half of her Cargo engaged, will have prompt despatch. She has superior accommodation for a few First-class Passengers, for particulars regarding which or freight apply to

SIR CHARLES FORBES & Co.,
Agents Ship British Empire.

Bombay, 8th April 1870.

NOTICE—SHIPPERS per s. s. NIGER, hence to Hongkong, are informed that the VESSEL WILL LEAVE on THURSDAY first, and that should any Cargo be short shipped in consequence of not being sent off in time ful freight will be charged the con in terms of orders granted.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 2nd May 1870.

STEAM and SAILING BARGES for HIRE.—The undersigned has always FOR HIRE, on very reasonable terms, several large number of STEAM and SAILING BARGES, each capable of carrying between 110 and 120 tons deadweight.

Special arrangements can also be made for discharging entire Cargoes of Vessels in Harbour with great despatch.

JAMSETJEE N. PATA.

Victoria Buildings, Bombay, 3rd March 1870.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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For plans and further information apply to

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL, GRANT ROAD.

FRIDAY EVENING, 6TH MAY 1870.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF

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&c., &c., &c.

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NOTICE.—Reduction in the Price of Dress Circle to Rs. 4, or for the Three Performances Rs. 10.

Box Plan at Messrs. SOUNDY & Co., where Seats may be secured for One or the Three Performances.

Doors open at 8-15 ; Performance to commence at 9.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.—FOR SALE, one small LOCOMOTIVE TANK ENGINE, suitable for Contractors' work, with Cylinder 10" diameter, length of stroke 18," 4 wheels coupled 3' 0" diameter, Copper Fire Box and Brass Tubes, 2 Pumps, 1 Injector. The Engine was manufactured by C. D. Young & Co., London.

The Engine stands on Wady Bunder, and may be viewed upon application to the Wharf Clerk.

Offers to purchase will be received by the Storekeeper up to TUESDAY, the 31st May (inst.), the lowest or any offer will not necessarily be accepted.

W. WARDEN MORICE, Storekeeper.

Byculla Stores, 3rd May 1870.

LIST of UNCLAIMED LETTERS that have accumulated in the BOMBAY GENERAL POST OFFICE up to 30th April 1870.

Archer, A D
Aubry, P
Brough, J
Baillie, J
Baillie, Mrs
Bell, W H
Brackston, H
Colleymore, J H
Connor, C, Corpl
Cerfontaine
Charar, H, & Co
Campbell, C
DeSouza, A A
Demeza, A
Hay, Wm
Downey, T
Dowling
Dillon, M J, Mrs
F J
Flint
Ferris, Miss
Fernandes, E B
Gorrad
Gopal Rowjee
Gee, J
Givachimo
Gammon, A, A
Golden, J W
Gray, J
Higgins, Mrs
Irving, W J
Jamsetjee Cowasjee
John, J
Keeson, Mrs
Kerr, Mrs
Leighston, J
Ledgold, C
Motiram Cullianchund
MacChiskey
Mullaly, E H, Mrs
Morrison, C
Murray & Co
Mehrgraj and Doonceehund
Mesdames Lines & Co
Nesss, M
Nitto, G C
Parkhill, Wm
Redmond, M J
Robinson, F J
Rees, A J
Scaly, Mrs
Sanjee Mooljee
Sorabjee and Pestonjee, Mundcherjee Murzebanjee & Co.
Stone
Tinzard, W
The Chief Engineer Salt Works
Turner, Mrs
Wilson, W
Warieham
Willis, H

C. A STUART, Post Master.

Bombay General Post Office, 3rd May 1870.

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INDIA HOUSE :
2, DEAN LANE, BOMBAY.

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CHAMPAGNE: Finest Dry, Magnunis	Rs.	74 0
Do. Carte Blanche		36 0
Fine Sparkling do.		32 0
Good do. do.		27 0
The above in Pints, at Rs. 19-8, Rs. 17-8, Rs. 14-8.		
MOSELLE: Nonpareil, Sparkling, Quarts		36 0
Muscatel		32 0
HOCK : Nonpareil, Sparkling, Quarts		36 0
Do. do. Pints		19 8

STILL GERMAN WINES.

	Qts.	Pts.
MOSELLE—BRAUNBERGER	Rs. 25 0	...
HOCK—JOHANNISBERGER	42 0	17 0
MARCOBRUNNER	34 0	...
FORSTER TRAMINER	34 0	...
RUDESHEIMER	26 0	14 0
HOCHHEIMER	23 0	12 8

BURGUNDIES—RED OR WHITE.

CHAMBERTIN—Red	Rs. 32 0	17 0
NUITS—Red	26 0	...
MACON—Red	21 0	...
CHABLIS—White	22 0	...

BORDEAUX—LABELLED AND BRANDED.

CHATEAU MOUTON, Gold Capsule	Rs. 30 0	Rs. 16 0
RAUZAN, Black capsule	25 0	14 0
LEOVILLE, Blue capsule	22 0	12 0
LEOVILLE, Blue capsule	22 0	12 0
LAROSE, Yellow capsule	18 8	10 8
Green capsule	17 0	10 0
ST. JULIEN, Red capsule	15 8	9 0
MEDOC—(Gautenac), White capsule	13 8	...
MEDOC	13 8	...
HAUT SAUTERNES, Red capsule	22 0	...

SHERRIES.

A 1 AMONTILLADO, an exquisite Wine	Rs.	38 0
AMONTILLADO, choice and superior		32 0
AMOROSO, full flavoured, soft, and pale		28 0
SHERRY, GREEN SEAL, light gold colour		22 0
BLUE SEAL, extra pale and dry		22 0
BROWN SEAL, dry, pale and delicate		22 0
YELLOW SEAL, an excellent Dinner Wine		18 0
WHITE SEAL, an ordinary Dinner Wine		15 0
MARSALA, Virgin, Pale		15 8

MADEIRA.

VERY CHOICE EAST INDIA		33 0

PORTS.

VERY OLD CRUSTED	Rs. 36 0	
A 1 GOLD SEAL; an Invalid's Wine	30 0	
BLACK SEAL; a Dessert Wine	24 8	14 0
RED SEAL; a very good Wine	18 0	...

SPIRITS—CAPSULED AND LABELLED.

COGNAC; superior very Old Pale, Black capsule	Rs.	38
Superior, Old Pale, Yellow capsule		28
Pale, White capsule		25
RUM; superior Old Jamaica		22
OLD TOM; London Gin		21
WHISKY; Irish		23
Scotch		22
GENEVA, in flasks (1 dozen in a case)		14

LIQUEURS.

CURACOA; finest Amsterdam, Orange or White	Rs.	40 22 0
MARASCHINO DI ZARA		40 22 0
CHERRY BRANDY, best Copenhagen		33 16 0
ORANGE BITTERS (the best)		20 ...

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FOR HONGKONG.

THE A 1 Screw Steamer NIGER, 1,100 tons register, W. Nisbet, Commander, has excellent accommodation for second-class Passengers.

As the vessel will leave early next week, Shippers are requested to send their cargo off at once.

A limited quantity of light freight is still required.

For further particulars apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 27th April 1870.

FOR HAVRE AND LONDON.

THE new A 1 twenty years' Screw Steamer ALNWICK CASTLE, 1,580 tons Register, 600 H. P., Wm. Sergeant, Commander, will be despatched for Havre and London THIS DAY.

Bills of Lading for Captain's signature, and Customs Entries for Cargo shipped, must be handed to us before eleven o'clock this morning.

4th May 1870. BLACKWELL & Co., Agents for Alnwick Castle.

FOR RANGOON.

THE fine British Barque ELIZABETH, 505 Tons, G. Owen, Commander, will sail on 10th instant. For Freight and Passage apply to the Captain or to HORMUSJEE & JAMSETJEE DUBASH.

Victoria Buildings, Bombay, 3rd May 1870.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per S. S. NYANZA, from Glasgow, are requested to SEND BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Glover without further intimation at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Delivery Orders accompanied with Bills of Lading to be sent to us for counter-signature.

Captain Glover will not be responsible for any damage done after the cargo leaves the Steamer's decks.

BALLI BROTHERS.

Bombay, 3rd May 1870.

LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION with the Will annexed to the Estate of WALTER FERGUS ANDERSON, Lieutenant-Colonel of Her Majesty's 28th Regiment of Bombay, Native Infantry, who died at 25, 53 Norfolk Square, Hyde Park, in the County of Middlesex, on or about the 1st day of August 1869, having been granted by the High Court of Bombay to ROBERT LESLIE CRAWFORD, of Bombay, Merchant, NOTICE is hereby given, that all Creditors of the said Walter Fergus Anderson are required to send in their Claims upon his Estate to the said Administrator, at the Office of Remington and Co., Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, before the 4th day of June next, and that the Administrator will after the date proceed to distribute the Estate of the said Walter Fergus Anderson without reference to Claims of which he shall not have Notice.—Dated this 4th day of May 1870.

REMINGTON & Co.

LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION with the Will annexed to the Estate of WILLIAM CASTELLAN DRYSDALE, Esquire, who died at Dunbar, in the County of Haddington, in North Britain, and of Sussex Gardens, Hyde Park, in the County of Middlesex, on or about the 31st day of May 1865, having been granted by the High Court of Bombay to FRANCIS FREDERICK LIDDERDALE and GILBERT MACLEOD STEWART, of Bombay, Merchants, NOTICE is hereby given, that all Creditors of the said William Castellan Drysdale are required to send in their Claims upon his Estate to the said Administrators, at the Office of Remington and Co., Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, before the 4th day of June next, and that the Administrators will after the date proceed to distribute the Estate of the said William Castellan Drysdale without reference to Claims of which they shall not have Notice.—Dated this 4th day of May 1870.

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REMINGTON & Co.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Mr NARAYEN VASUDEVJEE, of Bombay, Hindoo inhabitant, has contracted to PURCHASE from the Mortgagees of Mr. RUTTONJEE ARDASEER, alias RUTTONJEE RUSTOMJEE, the undermentioned property, free from all encumbrances whatsoever.

All persons claiming to have any interest therein, by way of mortgage, lease, agreement in the nature of a lease, by inheritance or otherwise are requested to furnish, to the undersigned, at their office in Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort, Bombay, particulars of such Claims within seven days from this date.

Any person having Claim who shall not have so furnished particulars as aforesaid shall be deemed to have waived the same.—Dated this 3rd day of May 1870.

HEARN, CLEVELAND & PEILE,
Solicitors to the Purchaser.

The following is a description of the property above referred to :—

All that piece or parcel of Inam LAND or GROUND, situate at Chinchpogly, without the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement forty thousand square yards, be the same little more or less, and bounded as follows :—on or towards the east by the property of Cursejee Rustomjee Wadia, on or towards the west by property formerly of Dadabhoy Postonjee Wadia, on or towards the north partly by the property of one Raghoba Crustnajee and in other part by the property of the said Ruttonjee Ardaseer Wadia alias Ruttonjee Rustomjee Wadia, and on or towards the south by the property of Bomanjee Hormusjee Wadia, together with the messuages thereon known as "Barr's" Bungalow and "Cresswell's" Bungalow.

NOTICE.—COLLEY, MADELEY, & Co. will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION at 1 P.M., THIS DAY, at their NEW Premises, Rampart Row, Corner of Lane, six cases of BOOTS and SHOES (Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's), a large assortment of SMYRNA RUGS, INDIA RUBBER COATS, &c., &c., &c.

NOTICE.—A PUBLIC AUCTION will be HELD in the Grand Arsenal on FRIDAY, the 6th instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the Sale of FIFTY ENGLISH HOSPITAL TENTS, recently drawn from Abyssinia. They will be sold without reserve to the highest bidder.

Terms of Sale—25 per cent deposit on the lots being knocked down and they should be removed within five days, on failure of this they will be re-sold at the risk of the first purchaser.

A sample Tent can be seen pitched in the Grand Arsenal Compound.

CHARLES CLARKE, Major,
Commissary of Ordnance.

NOTICES.

P. GRANT and SON, SADDLERS, &c., have commenced business again at No. 9 Hummum Street, where all orders will be attended to.

Orders from Out-stations to be accompanied with remittance or reference for syment in Bombay.

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BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nomi. value. Rs.	Paid up. Rs.	Last divi-dend. p. a.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
100,000	100	all	4 p.ct	Agra Bank	109
22,000	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,350
120,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	632
10,000	500	100		Ditto 2nd Rss. Issue	197½
5,000	1,000	all	12 p.ct	Ditto of Madras	1,450
80,000	250	all	6 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. L. & China	33¾
40,000	200	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	195
37,500	250	12½	6 do.	National Bank of India	130
60,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	462½

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	715
500	2,500	all	115*	Alliance Spinning	1,730
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay	2,800
200	1,000	all	30*	Bombay United	690
300	500	all	...	Browoh Mills	160
300	5,000	all	...	Dhurumsey Spinning	1850
750	2,000	all	15p.a.	Great Eastern	1,260
600	1,000	all	90	Manockji Petit's	745
2,000	2,500	all	...	Oriental	1,240
600	2,500	2,300	...	Royal	1,250

*Per share for the half-year.

PRESS COMPANIES

120	5,000	2,850	250p.a.	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	2,050
200	2,?7	1,10?	100do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	570
250	3,330	850	60do.	Alexandra Press Co.	575
	12,000	11,000	200do.	Apollo Press Co.	6,200
200	2,000	all	270do.	Bombay Press Co.	2,000
200	500	all	90	Do. New	500
500	1,?8?	all	300do.	Colaba Press Co.	7,500
850	2,000	all	...	East India Press Co.	1,150
150	2,500	all	300*	Fort Press Co.	8,930
300	2,000	all	1,900	... Framji Cowasji Press	1,000
200	6,000	all	240 p.a.	Hydraulic Press Co.	2,575
1,000	2,000	1,100	p.a.	Kurrachee Press Co.	875
1,500	1,000	550	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	370
125	2,500	all	300*	Prince of Wales Press	2,400
200	2,000	250	300 p.a.	Victoria Press, Madras	1,200
150	2,000	all	150 p.a.	Tinnevelly Press Co.	1,500

*Per share for the half-year.

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 65	Colaba Land Co.	1,690
20,800	1,000	all	Rs. 20	12gh'st'se Land	1,065
10,350	1,000	650	11-14	Do. New	700
5,000	150	all	Nil	Free Land & Pier Co. Ld	290
2,000	2,000	4,100	Nil	Mazagon Land	1,175
2,000	2,000	1,400	Nil	Fort Canning	330

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	218.3.0	5 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	227½
...	£2.	109.1.5	do.	Do. New £20 shares	117
...	£ 0	43.12.2	do.	Do.	
...	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,100
...	£15	196.5.1	do.	Do. New Shares	200

MISCELLANEOUS.

...	2,500	1,500	135 p.a.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	190
4,000	50	all	200	Mookanjee' B'd'ye Co.	33
600	2,000	300	9	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	102
2,000	500	all	Nil	Treacher & Co.	316

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of L'dation.		
500	75	Jan. '?5	Bank of Bombay	19
?5	34		Do. China	5
200	35	Sept. '67	B'bay Trdg & B'kg	6
200	40	Sept. '67	Brokers' Bank	15
250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank	1½
...	...	...	East India Bank's	15–16
200	10	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula	6
200	68	May '67	Royal Bank	5
130	74	Apr. '67	Old Financial	1

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

5,?90	1,?50	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	620
3,500	2,40?	...	B'bay & Bengal S. S.	100
5,000	2,5??	...	Bombay Stn	100

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate
London	At sight	1s. 11d.
London Banks	4 months' sight	1s. 11¼d.
Do. Credits	6 do. do.	1s. 11¼d.
Do. Documents	6 Do. do.	1s. 11¼d.
Calcutta	At sight	100 par.
Do.	30 days' sight	99½
Do.	60 days' sight	99
Do.	4 months' sight	98½
Madras	At sight	99½
Do.	30 days' sight	99
China	60 Do. do	227

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent.	114½
Five per cent.	107
Four per cent.	97½
Four & half per cent. (Public Work's Loan)	105
Five per cent. Debenture Loan 1880–??	103½
15 years' Debenture Loans	106½
10 years' do. do.	108
5 years' do. do.	102
Municipal Loans Rate	112

BANK OF BOMBAY.

Government Securities	4 per cent
Mercantile Bills	6 ,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns each	Rs. 10. ?
Bank of England Notes	,, 10-4
Ounces	,, 290
Mexican Dollars	,, 220
Five-Franc Pieces	,, 203
Bar Silver	,, 106-1
Gold Leaf	,, 15-1
Bar Gold 10 oz. English	,, 16
Australian Gold	,, 196-76

CALCUTTA.—28TH APRIL, 1870.

The following transactions were reported to-day :—

—In Government Securities :—

4 per cents., at Rs. 97 to 97-4 or 3-0 to 2-12 discount, and small amounts 9-2 to 4 annas higher.

4½ per cents of 1870, at from Rs. 104.

15 Years' Debentures, at Rs. 100.

—6 per cent Municipal Debentures sold at from Rs. 107-12 to 109.

—In shares :—

Bank of Bengal shares, were purchased at Rs. 1,400 for cash.

National Bank shares at Rs. 130 for cash.

Port Canning Land, Investment, &c. Co.'s shares [at Rs. 297].

—*Englishman.*

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—MAY 3.

Parker, Major, Staff Corps, on leave, from Deesa.

Battye, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, on leave, from Kherwarah.

Seward, Assistant Surgeon, Staff, on duty, from Mhow.

Harris, Surgeon, 33rd Native Light Infantry, on leave, from Poona.

DEPARTURES.—MAY 3.

Waghorn, Staff Assistant Surgeon, Medical Department, on duty, to Kamptee.

Irvine, Captain, Bengal Cavalry, to rejoin, to Allahabad.

Boyd, Colonel, Staff Corps, on leave, to Matheran.

O'Brien, Staff Assistant Surgeon, B. Medical Department, on duty, to Deesa.

FitzGeorge, Lieutenant, Rifle Brigade, to join, to Simla.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Adjutant General's Office, Simla, 18th April 1870.

Colonel J. Gordon, Bengal Infantry, is transferred from Allahabad to Jhelum, for general duty.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to sanction an exchange between Assistant Surgeon G. S Davie, M.D., Royal Artillery, and Staff Assistant Surgeon T. J. Peatfield, provided the State is put to no expense by the arrangement. The latter officer will proceed at once to join No. 1 Battery 6th Brigade Royal Artillery.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

Royal Horse Artillery—Captain F. G. Ravenhill, A. Battery A Brigade, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Lieutenant L. W. Taylor, F Battery C Brigade, to Deyrah Dhoon, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Lieutenant P. C. Whalley, A Battery A Brigade, to Murree and Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th July, on private affairs.

21st Hussars.—Cornet J. A. Ramsay, to Bombay, for one month, from date of leaving regiment, to appear before a medical board.

Royal Artillery.—Lieutenant F. C. Symonds, B Battery 22nd Brigade, to Calcutta, from the 15th April to the 15th July, to study the native languages.

Lieutenant R. Corbett, B Battery 8th Brigade, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Lieutenant T. Carr, E Battery 8th Brigade, from the 16th October to the 25th November 1869, in extension of leave, on medical certificate.

Assistant Surgeon H. C. Gainness, D Battery 8th Brigade, to Nynee Tal, from the 15th April to the 15th July, on private affairs.

Assistant Surgeon W. Ironside, M.D. G Battery 16th Brigade, to Nynee Tal, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on medical certificate.

1st Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Lieutenant E. A. Morant, to remain at Deolallee, from the 15th March to the 15th May, on private affairs.

11th Foot, 1st Battalion.—Major J. Roe, to Mussoorie, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Captain and Local Major J. W. Poole, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Captain D. Halliday, to Mussoorie, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Captain E. L. Street, to the hills north of Deyrah, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

12th Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Lieutenant and Adjutant W. J. Boyes, to Calcutta, from the 15th April to the 15th October, to study the native languages.

21st Foot, 1st Battalion—Lieutenant A. T. Perkins, to England, for seven months, from date of embarkation, on private affairs, being duty with troops.

59th Foot.—Major R. D. Baker, to Cashmere or Dalhousie, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Lieutenant C. D'O. Harmer, to Cashmere and Murree, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Ensign R. H. Beresford, to Cashmere and Mussoorie, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

41st Foot—Ensign J. J. Money-Simons, to Calcutta, from the 18th April to the 15th October, to study the native languages.

49th Foot—Captain G. Shirley, to England, for fifteen months, from date of embarkation, on private affairs.

58th Foot.—Captain F. J. Green, to Dalhousie, from the 5th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Lieutenant C. Bowring, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

60th Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Captain W. N. Manners, to the hills north of Deyrah, from the 15th April to the 15th July, on private affairs.

Ensign H. D. P. Phelen, to the hills north of Deyrah, from the 15th April to the 15th July, on private affairs.

85th Foot.—Lieutenant and Local Captain W. H. Drage, Adjutant, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Lieutenant C. E. Knox, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Lieutenant F. W. Robinson, Instructor of Musketry, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Ensign E. H. Ives, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

104th Foot.—Lieutenant H. V. Hunt, 2nd Wing Subaltern 25th Native Infantry, to Calcutta, from the 1st May to the 15th October, to study the native languages.

106th Foot.—Captain M. L. Elliot, to the hills north of Deyrah, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

109th Foot.—Lieutenant R. P. Simpson, Instructor of Musketry, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th August, on private affairs.

Bengal Infantry.—Lieutenant Colonel R. B. Dundas, doing general duty at Peshawur, to Murree and Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs, under the rules of 1868.

Staff Corps.—Lieutenant Colonel E. W. E. Howard, to remain at Chutterpurh, and thence to proceed to Nynee Tal, on medical certificate, from the 11th February to the 15th October, under the rules of 1868.

Captain A. P. Palmer, 3rd Squadron Officer 9th Bengal Cavalry, to Murree and Cashmere, on private affairs, from the 15th April to the 15th October.

Captain G. S. Hills, Adjutant 28th Native Infantry, to Murree and Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs, under the rules of 1868.

Lieutenant J. G. Kelly, 1st Wing Subaltern and officiating Quartermaster 33rd Native Infantry, to Simla and hills north of Deyrah, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Lieutenant J. L. N. Willis, 2nd Squadron Subaltern 9th Bengal Cavalry, to Murree and Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs, under the rules of 1868.

Lieutenant A. D. C. Inglis, Adjutant 45th Native Infantry, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs, under the rules of 1868.

British Medical Staff—Staff Assistant Surgeon E. F. Boult, to England, via the Cape, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

Adjutant General's Office, Simla, 20th April 1870.

Official notification has been received of the undermentioned officers having on their recent promotion been posted to the battalions of their regiments specified :—

17th Foot.—Lieutenant T. F. H. de Burgh, 1st Battalion.

19th Foot.—Captain R. G. Trail, 1st Battalion.

Lieutenant B. J. Charrington, 1st Battalion.

25th Foot.—Captain R. W. J. Dawson, 1st Battalion.

Lieutenant P. Welch, 2nd Battalion.

Official notification has been received of the undermentioned officers having been removed to the battalions of their regiments specified :—

19th Foot.—Ensign L. H. M. Levin, 2nd Battalion.

Rifle Brigade.—Lieutenant J. O. Vandeleur, 4th Battalion.

The undermentioned candidates are reported to have passed the Lower Standard in Hindoostanee on the 4th instant :—

Lieutenant L. K. Scott, Royal Engineers.

Assi. Surgeon H. J. Linton, doing duty Presidency Genl. Hospl.

Under instructions from the Horse Guards, Lieutenant W. L. Pitt, 55th Foot, is directed to proceed to England via Bombay and Egypt, and join the depot of his regiment.

Lieutenant A. Warry, Instructor in Gunnery 16th Brigade Royal Artillery, is permitted to visit Cashmere, instead of Simla and hills north of Deyrah, on the leave granted him in G. O. C. C. of the 8th instant, p. 158.

The leave on private affairs, granted to Colonel C. R. O. Evans and Lieutenant Colonel G. Maister, Royal Artillery, by the orders of 26th March 1870, and 8th April 1870, is hereby cancelled.

The six months' leave on private affairs, to Cashmere, granted by G. O. C. C. of the 9th instant, to Captain H. S. Rixson, late 56th Native Infantry, attached to the 29th Native Infantry, is cancelled.

The six months' leave on private affairs, to Nynee Tal, granted to Major C. W. Fletcher, Staff Corps, by G. O. C. C. of the 26th ultimo, is cancelled at that officer's request.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

Royal Horse Artillery.—Riding-master C. Jones, D Brigade, to England, via the Cape, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

21st Hussars.—Cornet F. H. Haynes, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

Royal Artillery.—Captain H. McLeod, 23rd Brigade, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

2nd Captain C. C. Saxton, 20th Brigade, to England, via the Cape, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

Lieutenant A. Radford, No. 6 Battery, 22nd Brigade, to Murree, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs.

Surgeon Major S. H. Fasson, M.D., 5th Brigade, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

2nd Foot, 1st Battalion.—Captain T. Kelly, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

12th Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Lieutenant A. French, to Bombay, from the 28th March to the 28th April, to appear before a medical board.

25th Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Lieutenant C. D. Swete, 1st Wing Subaltern 29th Native Infantry, to Calcutta from the 20th April to the 15th October, to study the native languages, under the rules of 1868.

Ensign A M'L. Mills, 2nd Wing Subaltern 10th Native Infantry, to Calcutta, from the 15th April to the 15th October, to study the native languages.

26th Foot.—Ensign T. C. Jameson, to Simla, from the 2nd April to the 1st October, on medical certificate.

67th Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Lieutenant W. Forster, to the hills north of Deyrah, from the 15th April to the 15th July, on private affairs.

88th Foot.—Ensign F. A. Remmington, 2nd Wing Subaltern 15th Native Infantry, to Calcutta, from the 25th April to the 25th August, to study the native languages.

104th Foot.—Captain T. A. Hunter, to Cashmere, from the 15th April to the 15th August, on private affairs.

106th Foot.—Lieutenant H. Bailey, to Bombay, from the 8th April to the 7th May, to appear before a medical board, previous to embarkation, via the Cape, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

General List, Infantry.—Captain A. W. Graham, officiating Wing Officer 38th Native Infantry, to Mussoorie, from the 15th April to the 15th October, on private affairs, under the rules of 1868.

Staff Corps.—Major J. T. Harris, officiating 2nd in Command 33rd Native Infantry, to Simla, from the 25th April to the 15th October.

ORDERS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF MADRAS.

Head Quarters, Madras, 29th April 1870.

The following removal is ordered :—

Asst. Surgn. J. P. McDermott from Depy. Inspr. Genl.'s Dept., Mysore Division, to 15th Regt. N. I.—To join without delay.

The following orders are confirmed :—

3rd March 1870.—By the Officer Commanding 3rd Battalion 60th Rifles, appointing Lieutenant Frend Assistant Instructor in Musketry, from the 4th March 1870, vice Ensign Hope-Edwardes on sick leave.

27th March 1870.—By the Officer Commanding 2nd Light Cavalry, appointing Major S. Hodgson to officiate as 2nd in Command and Squadron Officer, vice Major Prendergast proceeded on sick leave.

28th March 1870.—By the same, appointing Major S. Hodgson to officiate as 2nd Squadron Officer, on Lieut-Colonel Mulcaster reverting to his appointment as 2nd in Command and Squadron Officer.

29th March 1870.—By the Officer Commanding 19th Native Infantry, appointing Lieutenant and Adjutant S. E. Atkinson to officiate as Wing Officer from 29th March 1870, without prejudice to his other duties, vice Major Vizard proceeding on furlough.

30th March 1870.—By the Officer Commanding Southern District, appointing Captain J. F. T. Sherman, 9th Native Infantry, to officiate as Brigade-Major Southern District, from 1st April 1870, without prejudice to his regimental appointment, until further orders, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Gob.

31st March 1870.—By the Officer Commanding 1st Nat. Infy., appointing Captain H. S. Robinson to officiate as Wing Officer from 1st April 1870, without prejudice to his duties as Officiating Quarter Master, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Cox proceeding on sick leave.

4th April 1870.—By the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, appointing Major N. F. Bayly, Staff Corps, to officiate as Brigade Major Ceded Districts, until relieved, with effect from 1st April 1870—also Major Bayly to officiate as Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, till relieved, or until further orders, without prejudice to his duties as officiating Brigade-Major, with effect from 1st April 1870.

8th April 1870.—By the same, appointing Lieutenant and Adjutant J. F. E. Strettell, 9th Native Infantry, to officiate as Brigade Major Southern District from 9th April until further orders without prejudice to his regimental appointment, vice Captain Sherman appointed to the Nasr Brigade.

Leave of absence :—

Brigade Staff.—Brigadier-General W. Fenwick, C. B., Commanding Nagpore Force, privilege leave for 60 days from the 10th April 1870, or date of departure.

16th Lancers.—Captain C. C. Churchward, from 15th April 1870, or date of departure for 2 months—Neilgherries, s. c.

21st Foot.—Lieutenant F. Packman, 2nd battalion, from 15th April 1870, or date of departure for 6 months—Madras, private affairs.

69th Regt.—Ensign G. P. Gilbert, 3rd battalion, from 2nd April 1870, or date of departure for 2 months—Ramandroog, s. c.

General List.—Lieutenant F Smalley, attached 36th Native Infantry, for 6 months from 8th February 1870 or date of departure—Madras, s. c.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—3RD MAY.

London	Cotton	£1 5s. 0d.	Nom.n.tion
	Cases	£2 0s. 0d. to £2 5s. 0d.	
	Seeds	£1 0s. 0d.	
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 5s. 0d. to £1 7s. 6d. ,,	
	Wooden Ships ,,	£1 0s. 0d. to £1 5s. 0d.	
	Myrabolms & Oil cells	£0 7s. 6d. to £0 10s. 0d.	
	Seeds	£0 7s. 6d. to £0 12s. 6d.	
Havre	Cotton	£1 7s. 6d. to £1 10s. 0d.	
	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland ... Steamers		£3 0s. 0d. to £3 5s. 0d.	
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£2 2s. 6d. to £2 10s. 0d.	
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 10 to 12 per bale.	
,,	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.	
	Sailing Ships	Nominal	
Calcutta ... Salt		Rs. 3 0 0 to 4 0 0 per ton.	
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 14 to 15 and Calcutta Port charges	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.	

ARRIVAL.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
3	Nyanza (s)	Glover	Glasgow, March 30.

DEPARTURES.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
3	Euxine	Harrington	Liverpool.
	Lauenerhagen	Jorgensen	Falmouth.
	Colombo	Plenge	Kurrachee.

The following vessels began to load yesterday—

Steamer Euphrates to Kurrachee.

Steamer Lord Clyde to Malabar Coast.

THE HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

April 29 Eastern Light ..... McFee ..... Bombay, April 4

City of Pekin ..... Hunter ..... London, Dec 24

DEPARTURE.

April 29 Clytemnestra ..... ——— ..... ———

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BIRTHS.

BENGAL.

MILLER.—April 27th, at No. 1, Telkul Ghaut, Howrah, the wife of Captain J. A. Miller, steamer Arratoon Apear, of a daughter, still born.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

HENNESSEY.—April 17th, at Mussoorie, the wife of J. B. N. Hennessey, Esq., Great Trigonometrical Survey of India, of a daughter.

WILLIAMS.—April 20th, at Roorkee, the wife of G. R. C. Williams, Esq., B. C. S., of a daughter.

TULLOCH.—April 21st, at Nynee Tal, the wife of Major Tulloch, D. A. Q. M. G., of a son.

SMITH.—April 28th, at Agra, the wife of C. Steuart Smith, Esq., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BISCOE—BROWNE.—April 25th, at Dalhousie, by the Rev. J. Lawin, J. Seymour Biscoe, Esq., Royal Artillery, to Emily, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Birnie Browne, Bengal Artillery.

DEATH.

DYCE.—April 28th, at Agra, Mrs. S. Dyce, widow of the late Leopold Dyce, Esq., of Futtehgurh, in her 84th year.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

All communications respecting advertisements should be addressed to the "Advertisement Department."

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The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1870.

THE case against the Permanent Settlement of Bengal was put, very vigorously, by "a correspondent" of the *Friend of India*, in the latest issue of that journal. The writer argues the point with considerable cleverness and great force, but, as we shall show, if his reasoning is good against the Permanent Settlement, it is good against nearly all, if not all, engagements made by a State which have run some term not defined. No one has yet told us how long a period is required to make a contract void; yet from the hostile point of view it is essential to determine when the validity of an authority empowered to make contracts ceases by mere lapse of time, and when contracts, though styled permanent, become no longer obligatory on the succeeding authority.

One assumption that lies at the root of the argumentation against the Cornwallis settlement is that no generation has a right to bind its successors. "The Permanent Settlement," says the correspondent of the *Friend*, "is an unlawful engagement and of no effect, because the representatives of the people, then living, gave away to certain persons and their heirs after them for ever that which did not belong to the people of that generation to give away for ever." We shall not quibble over the word "unlawful." The writer cannot mean that the Government of Lord Cornwallis had no authority to make that settlement, because, if he does, then all the acts of that Government are of no effect. What he plainly means is that the engagement is a violation of what in America they call the "higher law." Governments, as yet, however, have not acted on the higher law, although what stands for it has frequently been enforced on various grounds during periods of revolution. In a settled order of things rights, we mean legal rights of property, are pretty generally maintained. Loans, raised by one generation, are held to be obligatory upon succeeding generations, although those loans may have been obtained at a great sacrifice of the property of posterity. Grants to individuals and their heirs are paid generation after generation, although succeeding generations may dissent altogether from the justice of the original grant. The English people might, if the assertion we have quoted be correct, sponge away the National Debt, or great part of it, to-morrow, because "the representatives of the people," living when the debt was contracted, "gave away to certain persons and their heirs after them for ever that which did not belong to the people of that generation to give away for ever." They gave away the difference between the price of the loan and par. Yet only a small school in England hold opinions on the National Debt analogous to those held by the *Friend's* correspondent upon the Permanent Settlement. Governments exist scarcely less by their observance of good faith than by their physical power; and if one generation could not bind another on these great questions of loans and property, there would be an end of all public credit, or one thing, and of general confidence for another. The "correspondent" says "the question, shall Government be unfaithful to its engagement with the landholders? is answered by the question, should Government commit the greater 'breach of faith,' so to say of unjustly levying taxes on the non-landholders who constitute the bulk of the nation in excess of the quota for which they are fairly liable?" But surely, the two cases are not parallel. Because the Government enforces the levy of a confiscatory income-tax, is it therefore justified in abrogating a settlement styled permanent, understood to be permanent, intended to be permanent, and accepted as permanent for the greater part of a century? The wrong done by the Mayo-Temple Government cannot be justly pleaded as warrant for one of the greatest wrongs and politically one of the greatest blunders—the violation of a deed to which the public faith has been pledged.

There are few if any engagements of the State with the landowning and cultivating classes to which the reasoning of the *Friend's* correspondent would not apply. Take the case of the Bombay Settlement. Suppose, ten years or any shorter period after a district had been settled, new men arrived who held the opinion that the rates were too low, that their predecessors had given away that which it did not belong to them to give away, what should hinder them from raising the rates? If it be just to abrogate the Permanent Settlement it is just to abrogate the Bombay Settlement. There is the famous Settlement of the Central Provinces. Numbers of excellent judges regard the Temple rates as too low—as, shall we say, a reckless sacrifice of public revenue. Is that settlement to be revised before the term has run out, on the ground that Sir Richard Temple gave away that which he had no right to give away, and exempted a portion of the community from contributing their due quota towards the public expenditure? The *Friend's* correspondent says that a Government may violate one pledge and not be tempted to violate another because it is not an interested party. Not interested? Is it not interested, as a Government, in obtaining vast sums to spend on public works? Why have we an unjust income tax? Because the Government says it *must* have money. Why must it have money? Because it believes that it is bound to spend annually millions upon public works. Here is a direct and tangible interest, tempting to no end of breaches of faith if opinion can be brought to sanction a removal of the prohibition. We have heard, in these latter days, a good deal of the dogma that "a grave political error must be repaired, an enormous injustice removed at any cost." It is a familiar democratic and revolutionary assertion; but in practice its operation has rarely been found profitable; and obviously States would be in perpetual internal conflict, if parties were engaged in repairing what they deemed to be grave political errors and removing enormous injustice at any cost. There are crises in the lives of States when men are bound to risk everything to remove an enormous injustice; but those moments are rare, and we do not admit that the case of the zemindars of Bengal is one for the application of the exceptional law.

We have no sympathy with the Bengallee zemindars, no sentimental feelings with regard to them, and we have a real sympathy with the mass of the people. That the disproportionate amount of the revenue derived from Lower Bengal is an evil which should be remedied is a fact not unknown on the banks of the Ganges. But we cannot admit that the remedy should be sought through a breach of faith. It is the business of Government to rectify the balance by imposing local taxes that would touch the zemindar, and at the same time to resume possession of all lands forfeited for non-payment of rent or any other just cause, and to re-settle them upon a basis that would protect the permanent interests of the Government in the revenue derived from land. Modern political economy has shown that permanent settlements are injurious to the State and the people, but it has not shown that subversive and revolutionary measures are, as a rule, either just or profitable. The rectification of a long-established mistake to be beneficial must be gradual, and should be accomplished by measures devised to bring about a change with the least cost and the least waste by friction. No high-flown sophistry can justify a Government in failing to redeem a public pledge, or warrant a revolution in cold blood. We might just as reasonably resume possession of the lands in this island of Bombay, and settle them afresh, on the ground that the representatives of Charles II. permitted themselves to relinquish his rights, as subvert the Permanent Settlement on the ground that Lord Cornwallis was an ignorant man who parted with that which he had not to give. The remedy must be found in some plan that does not involve a flagrant wrong.

WE are sorry to publish a bad piece of news for officers of Her Majesty's Indian troopships. It has been decided by the Government of India that they are liable to pay the Indian Income-tax. It has been ruled at the same time that an advance of pay to an officer in England is not liable to the tax.

A NEW use has been found for jute. The Americans are transforming it, by a dyeing process, into ladies' black hair. A commercial circular reports that a hundred bales have been taken to America for that purpose, and that further orders are in the market. Cotton goes to England and comes back as piece-goods: jute may now be expected to return in cargoes of chignons.

THE Secretary of State for India wrote on 10th Feb.—"Having forwarded to the Secretary of State for War the papers transmitted with your military letter No. 387, of the 23rd November 1869, relative to the claim to the Abyssinian Medal advanced on behalf of the men of the Rawul Pindee Mule Train and other muleteers similarly situated, who were employed with the Abyssinian Field Force, I have been informed by Mr. Cardwell, that he has no objection to offer to the admission of the claim. Your Government will accordingly cause a numerical return of the muleteers entitled to the medal to be forwarded."

THE Nagpore paper mentions "yet another coal discovery which bids fair to completely eclipse the two previous finds." Mr. Blanford of the Government Geological Survey, who had been deputed to report whether the surface indications of coal in the Belaspore district, which had been noticed some years ago, gave hope of the existence of the mineral there to any considerable extent, writes that he has discovered a coal seam at the village of Korba on the Husdoo River, in that district, one hundred feet thick, fifty feet of which he pronounces to consist of coal superior in quality to any as yet discovered in the Chanda district.

A SIMLA letter writer says—"I was present the other day at a trial of Major Pengree's machine for cooling and ventilating barracks. The machine consists of a blast or thermantidote which is propelled by a very diminutive oscillating engine. The revolutions made by the fans were about sixty to the minute, the engine working up to 20lbs. to the inch. The current of air thrown out was equal to that of thirty punkahs. Besides the fans and the engine, there is attached to the machine a cooling apparatus, which cools the outward air before it is admitted to the fans or blast. This of course does away with the necessity for khus-khus tatties and all their accompaniments. I believe the machine has been tested by the officials at Roorkee and pronounced on very favourably by them. It has also been favourably reported on by Dr. Muir and several others here. The machine ought to be tried by the Government in all their barracks."

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

(*By British India Cable.*)

LONDON, 2ND MAY, EVENING.

A letter of Archbishop Cullen has been published urging the Irish clergy to support the Gladstone Cabinet.

FURTHER ARRESTS IN PARIS.

PARIS, 3RD MAY, MORNING.

Further arrests have been made here. 25 bombs have been seized and arrests made at Creuzot, Lyons and Marseilles among the chiefs of the International Society.

Telegrams from Italy state that the King has recovered.

SUEZ, 3RD MAY, NOON.

The transport Jumna has arrived here from Bombay.

The Messageries Imperiales steamer drawing 20 feet of water has reached Port Said through the Canal.

PASSENGERS TO EUROPE.

THE new screw steamer Alnwick Castle, 1580 tons register, 600-horse power, leaves Bombay to-day (4th May) for Havre and London with a full cargo loaded by Messrs. Blackwell and Co., and the following passengers :—

For Havre—Mr and Miss Tyndall, Captain and Mrs Hol Waring and children, Mrs Veale, Mrs Thompson and children Colonel and Mrs Jackson, Miss Jackson and two children, Mrs Luard, 2 children and an ayah, Captain and Mrs Wood, Mr H S Carter, Captain Brogger, Captain Bowers, and Lieutenant Renald.

For Suez—Mr A W Brind, Mr Dubois, and Veterinary Surgeon E J Batt.

STEAMER REPORTS.

GALLE, 3rd May, 2-40 P.M.—Mail steamer from Calcutta anchored.

GALLE, 3rd May, 5-20 P.M.—H. M. S. Nymphe from Seychell Islands anchored 4-5 P.M.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 3rd May, 8-45 P.M.—Latest dates from England, via Turkey, 2nd May, 5-8 P.M.; via Russia, 3rd May, 12-15 P.M. From Europe, via Turkey, 2nd May, 1-24 P.M.; via Russia, 2nd May, 7 P.M. From California, via Russia, 2nd May, 10-40 A.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Pera; lines beyond clear; Persian line right to London.

WEATHER REPORTS.

VINGORLA, 3rd May, 10 A.M.—Weather sky overcast, wind south-west, thermometer 92.

CARWAR, 3rd May, 10-20 A.M.—Weather cloudy, wind southerly, barometer 29·99, thermometer 86.

MANGALORE, 3rd May, 12-30 P.M.—Weather fair, thermometer 88.

CANNANORE, 3rd May, 10 A.M.—Weather cloudy, wind north-west moderate, barometer 29·970, thermometer 83.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—3RD MAY, 8 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Turkey, 2nd May, 1-35 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit 9 hours 55 minutes.

Via Russia, 2nd May, 11-35 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit 7 hours 7 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 3rd May, 10-55 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit 3 hours 38 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Turkey, 2nd May, 11 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit 6 hours 25 minutes.

Via Russia, 2nd May, 7 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit 6 hours 34 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 3rd May, 11-40 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit 2 hours 59 minutes.

THE NEW INCOME TAX ACT.

NATIVE "INDIGNATION" MEETING.

A very large and influential meeting of the members of the Bombay Association and the native inhabitants of Bombay was held in the Town Hall on Monday afternoon for the purpose of "approving a memorial to the Secretary of State for India to disallow the Indian Income-tax of this year and place the management of the financial affairs of India on a sound and satisfactory footing." The meeting was called for four o'clock and by shortly after that hour every available sitting space in the hall was filled: indeed such a meeting has rarely been seen in Bombay.

On the motion of Mr. Cursetjee Nusserwanjee Cama, seconded by Mr. Naceda Mahomed Ali Rogay, the Hon. Munguldas Nuthoobhoy was called to the chair.

After the Secretary of the Bombay Association (Mr. Nowrojee Furdoonjee) had read the notice which he had published convening the meeting,

The Chairman rose and said—Gentlemen,—You have been invited here to-day for the purpose of considering and adopting a memorial to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India against the heavy, unnecessary and odious tax imposed by the Indian Income-tax Act of 1870, and for placing the management of the financial affairs of India on a sound and satisfactory footing. While every effort is being made in England to keep down the income-tax rate, in India, gentlemen, every opportunity is taken to enhance it. In England, which is a hundred times more rich than India, the income-tax rate for this year is only four pence in the pound—while out here it has been fixed at the very high rate of seven pence. But what is more astonishing, if you look to the schedule attached to the Income-tax Act, you will find that the poorer classes of the people have to pay a higher rate than their richer brethren. Persons earning Rs. 500 will have to pay 19-8 or nearly 4 per cent thereon for their income-tax. This is really taxing the poor heavier than the rich by a side wind. Gentlemen, if we had passed under exceptional times as we unfortunately did in 1858—if internal disorders had to be quelled or foreign wars to be conducted—there would have been some reason for saddling us with a heavy and oppressive income-tax, and I am sure that we would all have loyally supported the Government. But what is the immediate cause of the present exorbitant increase? It is made simply and openly for the purpose of carrying on extravagant public works. Gentlemen, I could say a great deal on this subject, but I would rather not anticipate the gentlemen who will shortly move the different resolutions which have been entrusted to their care. The memorial which will be submitted to you for adoption has been prepared with great care by the committee of the Bombay Association with the assistance of their able secretary, and I am sure it will meet with your entire approval. With these few remarks I now beg to call on my esteemed friend, Sir Jamsetjee, to move the first resolution. (Much applause.)

Mr. Nowrojee here translated the Chairman's remarks for the benefit of many of those present, and they were again received with approbation—with we might say, vernacular murmurs and gesticulations of assent.

Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy then rose to move the first resolution which was as follows:—

"That this meeting protests against the unconstitutional proceeding of the Council of the Governor General of India for making Laws and Regulations in passing the Indian Income Tax Act of 1870 with undue haste without giving full publicity to the proposed measure and without affording to the people any opportunity to represent their views and objections.

In moving this resolution, Sir Jamsetjee said—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Before asking you to declare your opinion on this resolution, let me beg your indulgence for a few minutes while I make one or two observations. We have not met here in any spirit of hostility to the British Government. We do not suppose that the Government can be carried on without a great expenditure of money; and I am quite sure that all here assembled, true and loyal men, will agree with me when I say that we are not unwilling to contribute our share to the necessary expenses of Government. (Hear, hear.) We think it, however, exceedingly hard, if not altogether unfair and unjust, that comparatively few should be made to bear so large a portion of those expenses, as they are doomed to bear under the provision which lately passed into law. The land tax and the salt tax are taxes which are incident upon the whole population; the excise duties on opium and spirits are paid by those who voluntarily choose to indulge in their luxuries. But the income-tax falls wholly upon a few: it has been estimated upon one in a thousand of the population. I am, however, not one of those who are opposed altogether to *any* income-tax. The land tax, and all the indirect taxes such as the two I have named, fall upon rich and poor alike; and I am not object to the principle of a direct tax, such as an income-tax,—one easily and cheaply collected, which makes the richer classes bear rather more than what might be considered their strictly equitable, that is, exactly proportional, share of the public burdens. The richer classes have more at stake in the good government; but, by doing what you can, to prevent a similar course being followed in future, you will be preventing the Government if possible from weakening itself by loosing, through its own acts, the bonds which at present unite to it, all true, peace-loving, and loyal men. (Applause.) The worthy Baronet concluded by moving the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Hormusjee Dadabhoy Vakeel then said—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I have the honour to second the resolution which has been proposed by Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy. I do so under a profound sense of my duties as a citizen of this vast empire. To protest against the arbitrary imposition of so odious a tax as the income-tax is but only a right but it is also a duty. It would be a dereliction of the duty which we owe to the power wielding the destinies of eighteen millions of human beings were we to maintain silence on this and so lead the authorities at home to suppose that the measure in question has the acquiescence, if not the cordial approval, of the people. The resolution is not conceived in a spirit of opposition to the Government of India: far from it. Of all the functions which a citizen can be called upon to exercise, what can be more important than that of freely and respectfully submitting our objections to a measure which we conscientiously believe to be unjust?—the more so when that measure is passed into law with undue, I might almost have said with indecent, haste. The Government of India has committed a grievous error in not affording the public opportunity for discussion and reflection prior to the enactment of the Income Tax Act of 1870. They have neglected to avail themselves of the results of the deliberations of those who study finance as a science and who make it a point to keep up their acquaintance with all that pertains to the administration of the finances of India. And what is the plea brought forward for this haste? Any impending war? No. Any necessity for making a prompt payment to save the credit of the State? No. Any remittance in a case where delay would be disastrous and discussion fatal? No; no such thing. And yet Sir Richard Temple and the Viceroy seem to plead necessity as a justification for a departure from the ordinary course adopted in the enactment of any measure from its first stage when the proposer asks for leave to introduce it. Now let us not be deluded by words. Though the Indian Council's Act of 1861 contains no provision securing to the people a voice in matters relating to the passing of a law, yet this Act provides for the admission of Europeans and natives of India, independent of the Government of India, to take part in the work of legislation. The despatch of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India to the Government of India, No. 14, dated the 9th August 1861, contains a weighty recommendation to the effect that no law, except one arising out of some pressing emergency, should be passed without full opportunity for mature deliberation and discussion, and that the intervals of discussion should be such as to allow the members of Council adequate opportunity of reflection and inquiry. And the utility of this principle was affirmed by the Government of India in a letter to the Government of Bombay, dated 11th December 1861, No. 2,422. It contains an expression of opinion that the rules of the Council should provide ample time not only for the discussion of the measures introduced but also for their publication, so that the public may have a full opportunity of submitting such representations to the Council re: ding any pending measure as they desire to make. It cannot be said that the the Income Tax Act was a measure of minor importance. The yield of the tax is estimated to reach the sum of £2,180,000. It is intended, in fact, to cover the deficit. In regard to a measure of this kind Mr. Chapman, who represents the Bombay presidency, complained that he had no opportunity for making himself acquainted with its reasons save that it was opposed to his judgment. The other non-official members denounced the tax in no measured terms. If this measure was not a foregone conclusion, I should like to know what that word means. The bill was read on a Saturday, passed into law on the Tuesday following and officially promulgated on the Wednesday next. And emergency is urged as an excuse for these unconstitutional proceedings! As if the emergency was greater now than that which existed in 1860, when the late financier Mr. Wilson introduced his bill for the levy of an income-tax. Is the plea sustainable? Does the Government of India mean or expect that the whole of the revenue derivable from this source would be collected in a few weeks? And if so, does it intend to appropriate these collections to any particular branch of the public expenditure which admits of no delay? And if these questions be answered in the negative, as they must be, because we all know the Act provides for payment by quarterly instalments, what becomes of the only plea put forward,—the plea of emergency? And what is the character of the measure which was thus hurried on by the Legislative Council? The most ludicrous imaginable. It is as Mr. Mill says just in principle, in theory only, but it is in practice more unjust than many unjust taxes. It is aptly called a war tax,—the only reserve of Government in time of war when the necessity of the State will override every consideration as to the inequality of its incidence. It is an engine of oppression in the hands of the unscrupulous Collector pandering to display his fiscal talents and eager to replenish the imperial treasury, feeling assured that the Government would not be blind to his merits. It awakens the intensest feelings of disaffection and disgust. Politically, therefore, the more than Thug Tax Act is a great blunder, one of those blunders which may be described as worse than crimes. Who is responsible for it? The Viceroy says he is not, Sir R. Temple says he is not! "Measures not men" is an unmeaning phrase, and is often used as a cloak for unrighteous proceedings. Government says the magnificent income of £50,147,756 is inadequate to meet the legitimate requirements of the country! To show a surplus of £153,440, it stands in need of a revenue of £53,164,315! The first enquiry is, what is the cause of this deficit? The Viceroy admits that since the year 1866 the finances of India have been in a state of chronic deficit, and that up to the present moment they have not been in a satisfactory condition. No one can contemplate the rapid growth of the public expenditure without concern or amazement, for it may be safely affirmed that no country can last long where causes are incessantly in operation tending to destroy the equilibrium between the revenue and the expenditure. Let us examine some of the items of revenue in detail. The land revenue, the main prop of Indian finances, in 1862 was £18,757,400. The actuals for 1868-69 for the same items of revenue are £20,242,571. It is estimated to yield for the year 1870-71 £21,023,632. This upward tendency is observable in almost every item, except opium. And yet we are told the income does not suffice. This is true in one sense; while corruption and peculation are rampant in almost every department of Government, no amount of income would suffice. The Public Works Department possesses special qualifications to return a minimum of work for a maximum of payment. Of the Commissariat, it may be said that it is organized to plunder the Government, or rather the tax-paying community, of the last rupee to which even the thin veil of decency is thrown aside, so confident are some of these depredators of the public revenue. The guaranteed railway companies feed largely on the revenue; £45,000,000 is no small amount, considering the poverty of this country. Sir, if we have not enough I should like to know what expenditure under certain heads,—notably, the Home Charges strictly so called, and the Public Works—has swelled to unreasonable proportions. The Viceroy declared the other day that from the year 1866, "We," that is the Government of India, "have spent on ordinary expenditure upwards of £65,000,000 more than we ought to have done." Curtailment is possible. But we have not an independent financier to lay the axe at the root of the evil, to protest when the budget grant is exceeded. Fiscal science does not consist in simply adding up the totals of the receipts and the expense. We want a financier who could tie down each department to its budget grant strictly to scrutinize the expenditure, as given in detail; who can fearlessly expose incompetence or neglect on the part of the highly-paid agents of Government, and who would disdain to retain his office if his calculations were seriously interfered with either in this country or in England without adequate reasons. India had such a financier in Mr. Laing. But the bane of the country is the excessive centralization of power in the Supreme Council. Even uniformity may be purchased at an immense cost. Irrespective of the capabilities of the different provinces, legislation from Calcutta proceeds at an uniform and measured pace. Mr. John Bright in 1858 sounded a note of alarm. 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Mr. Morarjee Gokuldass seconded the resolution and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jejeebhoy then said—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In moving the resolution that has been entrusted to me, I crave leave to make a few remarks. It is a matter of surprise, as well as disappointment, that the Government of India have not been able to meet the financial difficulty which they discovered about the middle of last year. If the present administration had followed the excellent example of the late lamented Governor-General of India, Lord Hardinge, who was able to make a reduction of one and a half crore of rupees in the military expenditure of India in a single year, the deficit would at once have disappeared, and the necessity of fresh and oppressive taxation would have been obviated, but we regret to find that the requisite measures for making every possible retrenchment in different departments have not been adopted. In fact, the Government of India do not appear to have the courage to make reductions which are necessary. They have already informed the Secretary of State that they are unable to make reductions beyond the amount which they have saved in the Public Works and one or two other departments. The saving they have thus effected has been totally absorbed by the large increase that has taken place in the ordinary public expenditure in the course of last year, amounting to one crore and a half, consequently there has been no nett gain, and the bulk of the enormous deficit of two and three quarters of crores had to be provided for. In order to extinguish this deficit the Government of India propose to levy heavy contributions from certain classes of the community by imposing an odious and oppressive income tax. The public expenditure in England has also been steadily increasing, and thereby the financial embarrassment of this country has been enhanced. For this the Government of India are not responsible. The authorities in England, to whom we are going to address our remonstrance will, we sincerely trust, comply with our reasonable prayer to grant us the relief which it is in their power to give, by making a considerable retrenchment in the enormous expenditure incurred in England out of the exhausted Indian Treasury, which expenditure has of late increased to so immense an extent that there can be no difficulty in making a large curtailment so as to save the necessity of additional taxation on the people of India who are already heavily taxed. The honorable chairman and other able speakers who have preceded me have done ample justice to the various important matters that have been brought before this meeting, which, I am happy to say, is one of the largest and most influential that I have had the pleasure of witnessing in Bombay. Gentlemen, it is therefore unnecessary for me further to trespass on your valuable attention. I feel persuaded that the resolution I now propose will meet with your cordial approbation. (Applause.) It is as follows:—

"That this meeting is of opinion that the public expenditure for current purposes in this country, as in England, still admits of considerable reduction so as to keep it within the ordinary income."

Mr. Janardan S. Gadgil seconded the resolution, and in doing so said—The previous speakers have shown you the sudden and arbitrary proceeding of the Government of India in levying the income tax of 3½ per cent. against which we are memorializing this day—they have shown you that the original founder of the tax and all the financial ministers who succeeded him, up to Sir Richard Temple, have considered it to be a war tax, to be levied only in a time of extreme emergency—that no case has been made out for this extraordinary step which the Government of India has taken,—and that the whole financial policy of that Government requires a thorough revision. It is the duty of every one to place the finances of India on a sound basis. As one of the truths which we expect to see established by such an investigation, is the proposition embodied in the present resolution that "the public expenditure in this country as well as England still admits of considerable reduction so as to keep it within the ordinary income" let us see, gentlemen, rather show, whether our opinion is well or ill founded. Let us see what the opinion of the very wirepullers of Indian finance, and the greatest statesmen of the day who have given any attention to Indian politics, is on this subject. Almost all the financial ministers have considered an annual expenditure of £12,500,000 upon the army to be ample, whereas the figure in the Budget for 1870-71 stands at £15,745,341. Here, gentlemen, according to the financial ministers themselves, is room for retrenchment to the extent of more than three millions. Military officers will perhaps maintain that not a pie can be reduced and that more is required, but, hear what that great statesman, John Bright, of whom my friend Mr. Hormasjee has already spoken to you—the statesman who, amidst the engrossing topics of Home politics, has always carved out time to study Indian subjects, who, fortunately for us, is one of the counsellors at this critical juncture of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, strongly urging for economy, for peace, whose sympathetic heart feels as much for India as for England, whose honesty of purpose and fearlessness in declaring the truth are admitted even by his opponents, and to whose heart-stirring appeal in Parliament in 1858 we owe the Magna Charta of our liberty, her Gracious Majesty's proclamation—hear, I say, the words of this great statesman. He says, in reference to himself,—"There is not a country in the world that would not have been bankrupt long since, and plunged into irretrievable ruin, if the military authorities had been allowed to determine the amount of military force to be kept up, and the amount of revenue to be devoted to that purpose." The Government of India therefore inform us that they have proposed considerable reductions, not yet passed, and His Excellency the Viceroy is anxious to let the public know that the Government of India believe that £450,000 less than what we shall have to pay this year could have been sufficient for the military service of the empire. So far for the army. Take now the Public Works, including under them extraordinary works such as Railways, &c., and the works executed by the Public Works Department, which His Excellency the Viceroy most emphatically asserts to be "that particular department of the Government over which the supreme authority should exercise the greatest control." The sum to be spent on these works, His Excellency the Viceroy states as follows:—"In 1870-71, that is, in the ensuing year, in addition to the 7½ millions before referred to, we shall spend as our net charge on account of Railway interest £1,600,000, and the Bombay and Baroda guarantee charge will guarantee propose in the same year to spend upwards of £5,100,000 on contraction, making in all a total for the present year of upwards of £14,283,000." As to the proportion that the public works expenditure bears to the available revenue over which the Government of India has control, which I take, is about one-half of 28 millions, His Excellency the Viceroy observes:—"I find that the whole expenditure on public works—that is, the net expenditure—(deducting recoveries) amounts to £13,800,000 for this year, so that comparing that with our net available revenue we shall have spent on works of public utility during the past year something like 47 per cent. The percentage will be increased during the present year, so that in reality we expect to spend within the ensuing year on works of public utility in India a sum nearly equal to half of our entire available revenue, and I believe this is an effort in the direction of public improvement that has hardly been attempted by any other country in the world." Taking it for granted as true that the world does not show another instance of such an effort in the direction of public improvement, may it not be retorted that perhaps the world does not also show another instance of such effort by causing public bankruptcy? Is it wise to levy such heavy taxes? Would it not be prudent to keep the effort within the limit of solvency without a war tax. Turning from the Viceregal Executive Government to Subordinate Governments, what do we find? We find the Hon'ble Mr. Chapman, for a long time Chief Secretary to the Bombay Government, boldly exclaiming—"For my own part, I entertain the belief very strongly that considerable savings might be effected under almost every head, by thorough and independent revisions. I believe there is an unnecessary amount of highly-paid agency employed in supervising our administration, and that in our efforts at retrenchment, we should begin at the top and not at the bottom. I have formerly stated in the Council my opinion of the value of the control over the expenditure of subordinate administrations exercised by the Government of India, and I now, on this important occasion, deliberately state that I believe this control to be of an unsatisfactory a character as it well can be. It consists in the Finance Office at Calcutta or Simla endeavouring to negative or to reduce every single application for expenditure, and that without any knowledge of what the real requirements of the several administrations are. It is a system of minute distrustful interference, which engenders a resentful spirit of opposition. In spite of all the efforts of the department, charges of all kinds continue to increase, while the machinery of Government is impeded by the friction occasioned." And now, gentlemen, permit me for a while to turn to the views of the great John Bright, of whom I have before spoken, on the subject of this reduction itself in Indian expenditure. I think it of more importance to place before you the opinions of men who are competent authorities on Indian matters, than make assertions which will at the best be considered my own crude individual ideas, and I shall therefore be not sparing of extracts. About the Civil service he says:—"The Civil Service, because it is bound up with those who were raised by it and who dispense the patronage of India, pulls and pulls and pulls, and it would be incredible if we did not know it to be true, and which, knowing it to be true, we must admit to be monstrous. The East India Government scatters salaries about at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Agra, Lahore, and half a dozen other cities which are up to the mark of those of the Prime Minister and Secretary of State in this country. These salaries are framed upon the theory that India is a mine of inexhaustible wealth, although no one has found it to be so but the members of the Civil Service of the East India Company. 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The resolution was then carried.

Mr. Sorabjee Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy next said—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In proposing the fifth resolution I would call attention to the fact that our finances have never been on a very satisfactory footing, and it has roused the energies of some of our most skilled administrators to make both ends meet to the satisfaction of the people. I would claim your attention to this last expression,—when I say the people, I mean every one who forms an individual unit in the State and is a tax-payer. It is no doubt a hard task to please every one, but we should do what in us lies to bring about the greatest happiness to the greatest number, a principle on which legislation of every kind should be based. We are at present labouring under the difficulty of being taxed by men eminent and worthy in every way, but in the knowledge they should possess to make themselves of use to the State or give confidence to the people. We are about raising a power in the State which must be acknowledged, and we must make it felt by a persistent resistance to those acts of the legislature which are obviously oppressive. It is with this view that I propose the next resolution, and in so doing I feel assured that I am doing no more than my duty, as it becomes us all. We have lately seen that Calcutta has chosen a wise and prudent course in the matter of debating the shortcomings of Sir Richard Temple's Budget, and it is very evident that we need men who fully faithfully represent to the world what is due to us. The time has come when we should no longer be led like a sheep to the slaughter;—that as men loyal and every way worthy of trust we should have a voice in the expenditure of those millions which we are taxed so heavily to contribute. We should not tamely submit to the extortions of incompetent financiers any more than we should to the extortions of the mere money lender. We are not in any way called upon to make up deficiences in the State exchequer by a sudden, unpalatable, and most obnoxious tug at our private purses. We are so deeply concerned in the matter, that it is right on our part to insist that the public fund should not only be properly administered, but that they are not frittered away on the merely fancied requirements of the Government. I cannot enter into particulars to illustrate what I would here impress upon you, but I will mention one simple fact which I trust will be conclusive. We have to pay in a very short time for the erection of unremunerative military works. These works when finished will last half a century. Is it fair, is it equitable that we should be taxed for benefits which are to be specially enjoyed for the use of the next three generations? Here we see a want of that financial ability we should possess in the Minister—here also we see the loss of that State-craft which provides the burden only for the enjoyer of the benefit. I cannot be too emphatic in stating that the most important requirement of the legislature is finance; it is to the wise administration of our resources that we are indebted for our prosperity, and our united energies should be ceaseless in putting our finances on such a basis as will spare us any cry from the scandal of tolerating such a state of things as we have at present, but should only end when we have obtained the position of a free people. It may be supposed that I would here aim at the formation of an Indian parliament, but the assembly here before me unites within itself constituents of all that is necessary. If it is anything, it is an exposition of the feelings of the people on a point which is most interesting to themselves, and in voting bears out in likeness all that we require at the moment. Recognized as a legislative body it is not, but it will be our own fault if for the future we do not submit to measures deemed not only pernicious in principle but wholly unnecessary. Mr. Sorabjee then moved—

"That this meeting feels that in order to place the important department of Indian finance on a sound and satisfactory footing, it is necessary to entrust the same to an independent financier, possessing a comprehensive knowledge of fiscal science and competent to grapple with the present difficulty and to restore an equilibrium between income and expenditure."

Mr. Cumrodeen Tyabjee in seconding the resolution said—The measure which has been so unceremoniously forced upon us and which we have been doing our utmost to condemn is obnoxious in every point of view. It is in its nature inquisitive, unjust, and offensive, and in no way suited to the people of this country; and, coming as it does upon us, after the assurance that was given us when the income tax was last levied and the subsequent one-half per cent which we had to pay last year would fall up the deficit due to the blunders of the Finance Department, we are certainly struck with surprise that, instead of the abolition of this most obnoxious tax, we are now called upon to pay double the rate for last year. Without saying that the question of the nature and necessity of the expenditure which is the cause of the deficit that this tax is to cover, or into the State wisdom which would throw the burden of permanent works upon a year's revenue, we cannot but lose confidence in our financiers who in a time of peace and prosperity and in the absence of any State emergency are not able to invent or devise a more tolerable tax than an income-tax of 3½ per cent. (Applause.) And then, gentlemen, remember that this comes at a time when the resources of the country are very flourishing and the revenue upon the increase. Only last year the increase in revenue has increased from 45 to 53 millions and all the reason that has been shown for this intolerable advance in this time is that the expenditure of the State has not been keeping pace with, but going ahead of the revenue. The way in which this measure was brought forward and hurried on, is in my opinion sufficient to confirm the imputation cast upon us that the people of India have no public opinion and no views to be heard; but I hope this meeting and its proceedings will effectually belie that general statement—(applause). All that I can say is having lost that confidence we ought to have in the Minister administering our finances, it is not at this stage unjust that we should now ask an independent financier to assest us for the purpose of placing the Finance Department in a proper state and to create what apparently seems to have been lost—the equilibrium between the income and expenditure of the State. (Applause.)

The resolution was then carried.

Mr. Nowrojee Furdoonjee here, at the request of the Chairman, read the following memorial, which had been prepared and of which a translation was also printed:—

To the Most Noble his Grace the Duke of Argyll, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council, London.

The Humble Memorial of the undersigned Members of the Bombay Association and Native Inhabitants of Bombay in public meeting assembled.

Respectfully Showeth, that—

1. Your memorialists beg leave to approach your Grace with the following representation, which they respectfully submit for the careful consideration of your Grace in Council as the Head of Her Majesty's Government charged with the administration of British India.

2. Your memorialists feel aggrieved in consequence of the proceedings recently adopted by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India in Council, having discovered that the financial administration of last year has resulted in a very large deficit, had suddenly, and without any intimation to the public, passed Act No. XVI. of 1870 for imposing a heavy and harassing income tax of 3½ per cent., equivalent to 7½d. per pound, in addition to the increase of 5 annas per maund made to the salt tax in the Presidency of Bombay and Madras by Act No. XXIV. of 1869, passed in December last.

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5. Your memorialists regret to have to complain against the arbitrary proceedings of the Government of India in regard to the precipitate manner in which the heavy war tax has recently been imposed in this country. In establishing the Supreme Legislative Council in India on an improved basis and admitting therein additional members to represent the views and sentiments of various classes of the people, it was the intention of the Imperial Parliament to give some voice to the governed in the imposition of such taxes and the enactment of such measures as might be necessary for the conduct of the administration of the country. With this object in view, the principal check would be incredible if we did not know it to be true, and which, knowing it to be true, we must admit to be monstrous. The East India Government scatters salaries about at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Agra, Lahore, and half a dozen other cities which are up to the mark of those of the Prime Minister and Secretary of State in this country. These salaries are framed upon the theory that India is a mine of inexhaustible wealth, although no one has found it to be so but the members of the Civil Service of the East India Company. The policy of the Government is at the bottom of the constant deficit. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has twice recently declared that expenditure depends upon policy. That is as true in India as in England, and it is the policy that has been pursued there which renders the revenue liable to this constantly recurring deficit." About the military service I have read out to you an extract. And mark his prophetic words about an army beyond the means of Government to maintain:—"A large army will render it impossible for you to hold the country, for you will have a constantly increasing debt, and anarchy must inevitably overwhelm you in the end." A word, gentlemen, about Mr. Bright's opinion about the weight of taxation which we bear and against the increase of which we protest. He says,—"If I were now submitting the case of the population of India, I would say that the taxes of India are more onerous and oppressive than the taxes of any other country in the world. I think I could demonstrate that proposition to the House." And again,—"If the House will follow out the argument, they will come to the conclusion that the taxes of the people of India are oppressive to the last degree, and that the Government which has thus taxed them can be tolerated no longer." Let it be remembered that Mr. Bright pronounced this severe judgment when we paid only 30 millions a year as revenue. What would he say now, when we pay more than 52 millions? It requires also to be told that that great statesman, in arriving at the judgment he has arrived at, has not overlooked the considerations of the population and the cost of labour in India. In conclusion, I hope it will be seen, when the financial policy of the Government of India comes to be revised, that the expenditure of India can be kept within the current revenue without resorting to a war tax or any other tax, and that the hope of Mr. Bright and all the Indian people will be fully realized that—"No future historian will have to say that the arm of England in India were irresistible, and that an ancient empire fell before their victorious progress, yet that finally India was avenged, because the power of her conqueror was broken by the intolerable burdens and evils which she cast upon her victim, and that this wrong was accomplished by a waste of human life and a waste of wealth which England, with all her power, was unable to bear." (Applause.)

The resolution was then carried.

Mr. Sorabjee Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy next said—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In proposing the fifth resolution I would call attention to the fact that our finances have never been on a very satisfactory footing, and it has roused the energies of some of our most skilled administrators to make both ends meet to the satisfaction of the people. I would claim your attention to this last expression,—when I say the people, I mean every one who forms an individual unit in the State and is a tax-payer. It is no doubt a hard task to please every one, but we should do what in us lies to bring about the greatest happiness to the greatest number, a principle on which legislation of every kind should be based. We are at present labouring under the difficulty of being taxed by men eminent and worthy in every way, but in the knowledge they should possess to make themselves of use to the State or give confidence to the people. We are about raising a power in the State which must be acknowledged, and we must make it felt by a persistent resistance to those acts of the legislature which are obviously oppressive. It is with this view that I propose the next resolution, and in so doing I feel assured that I am doing no more than my duty, as it becomes us all. We have lately seen that Calcutta has chosen a wise and prudent course in the matter of debating the shortcomings of Sir Richard Temple's Budget, and it is very evident that we need men who fully faithfully represent to the world what is due to us. The time has come when we should no longer be led like a sheep to the slaughter;—that as men loyal and every way worthy of trust we should have a voice in the expenditure of those millions which we are taxed so heavily to contribute. We should not tamely submit to the extortions of incompetent financiers any more than we should to the extortions of the mere money lender. We are not in any way called upon to make up deficiences in the State exchequer by a sudden, unpalatable, and most obnoxious tug at our private purses. We are so deeply concerned in the matter, that it is right on our part to insist that the public fund should not only be properly administered, but that they are not frittered away on the merely fancied requirements of the Government. I cannot enter into particulars to illustrate what I would here impress upon you, but I will mention one simple fact which I trust will be conclusive. We have to pay in a very short time for the erection of unremunerative military works. These works when finished will last half a century. Is it fair, is it equitable that we should be taxed for benefits which are to be specially enjoyed for the use of the next three generations? Here we see a want of that financial ability we should possess in the Minister—here also we see the loss of that State-craft which provides the burden only for the enjoy

"HAVE A PEG, OLD FELLOW?"

The Calcutta *Englishman* lectures its readers as follows on a seasonable subject. As the question "What to drink?" is of practical importance to every body, the *Englishman's* thoughts on the subject may have some interest to our own readers:—

'Our thermometer reminds us that the hot season has commenced, and the thirst that assails both men and women is only mentally aggravated by the reports lately announced in the English papers, that the supply of ice from Wenham Lake gives every prospect of being limited this season. Oh that the "snowy range" could be utilised, and its cooling pure covering transported into our ice chests! But we promised some popular remarks upon the matter of drink in hot weather, and we trust our readers will not consider them uncalled for or out of place, even in the columns of a newspaper.

"Have a peg, old fellow?" Such is the almost universal solicitation of friends in India wherever met, whatever time of meeting, and however often the meeting occurs. Do our readers fully realise the ghastly meaning of the interrogation? It has been related to [illegible] opinion, that every drop of brandy or other spirit and water added one nail or peg to an imaginary coffin that the imbiber was preparing for himself, and thus the question becomes one more applicable to the secretary of a Necropolis than to a true friend.

It has been remarked that some of our old Indian residents (those referred to in the article in our contemporary the *Neigherry Excelsior* doubtless are specimens) have succeeded in completely covering their "coffin" with brass headed tacks in days gone by, and that yet these are unoccupied. However that may be, it is a satisfactory thing to know that drinking habits in India are on the decline. No one sits up now all night playing cards, and finishing "the four dozen cask of beer." Nor has "Exshaw's No. 1" assumed a supremacy further than as concerns its quality.

The action of alcohol generally is of so much importance, increased to its utmost when associated with residence in a tropical climate, that we feel convinced apologies are needless, for our endeavours to place the latest views on this matter as tersely as possible before our readers. Some may already know and act on them. Many may like to learn and practise.

Alcohol is not food; that has been decided by all physiologists, and it is not absolutely necessary to the ordinary run of men, or to the usual conditions of life. It is absorbed almost without alteration, permeates the body generally, and, as a rule, is rapidly got rid of by the lungs, skin, and other emunctories. It is a stimulus to the stomach, aids digestion, stimulates the heart and nervous powers, but it also produces an after-stage of depression, sometimes greater in amount than the period of excitement. It retains in the blood compounds which should not be there. It has been stated to have a tendency to lessen perspiration; and, if that be so, its use in India ought to be considerably curtailed. The table that has been prepared by some of the largest Insurance Offices as to the probability of life shows as some curious facts. It has been proved that spirit drinkers have a mortality of nearly 60 per thousand whilst those who drink beer have only one of 46 per thousand, but those who habitually take beer and spirits show a higher rate, even up to 62 per 1,000.

We do not wish to assume any party views, or to offer any opinion upon the advantages or disadvantages of total abstinence. That is a matter for individual consideration, but we do feel it a duty to publicly bring forward facts that may be of vital importance to our fellow-creatures. Alcoholic beverages, as they are represented by beer, wine, and spirits, are not calculated to assist Europeans in withstanding heat. It is indeed pretty certain that the opposite effect is produced, and that sunstroke is encouraged; and where the nervous system is exhausted, and the body already heated unnaturally, there the benefits of the claret, hock, and burgundy come prominently forward.

It is a popular fallacy to suppose that intoxicating liquors give strength. The various other constituents in beer and wines have doubtless some slight influence as tonics, but their quantities are so minute that they are hardly worth notice. It is a fact that if the alcohol were removed, we should never take them, and it is therefore purely for the sake of the spirit that we make beverages of that description. A capital anecdote is told of Fox the Orator, who one day said, "They tell me wine strengthens, but it must be wrong, for I have just had three bottles, and I can't keep on my legs."

Alcohol has justly been termed "the savings back of the tissues," and as our vigour and life depend upon incessant change, it follows that anything interfering with that will sooner or later act injuriously, more especially if we are in our younger days. It behoves us in India therefore to avoid spirits, and we cannot but think that our Government are foolishly mistaken in their management of the European troops by issuing rum, when beer can be easily and rapidly obtained with the increased facilities of communication that exist.

The ordinary samples of beer, we are told, contain one ounce of alcohol in a pint. That it is frequently fearfully adulterated is a fact which demands strenuous efforts on the part of all to prevent. It should form an object of Government to detect and severely punish any offender. The law is already in existence, and only needs enforcing. It is, however, in too many places merely a dead letter. Beer is acknowledged to be "well adapted to aid digestion," but it should be clear. Turbid beer either points to some fault in the brewing, or to some changes going on. Bitter beer should not be persistent in its flavor.

Wines vary so much in their percentage of alcohol that it is possible to go to almost any extreme. For instance, sherry has been analysed containing 25 per cent, while some clarets only afford 5 and 6 per cent. of alcohol. Dr. Gorman stated before the Parliamentary Committee "that pure sherry contained 6 or 8 gallons of brandy are added to 108 gallons of sherry." An ordinary claret contains about two ounces of alcohol in the bottle; and it has been popularly considered that such an allowance is not directly hurtful to the constitution. Experience does not show at present that a moderate use of wine and beer renders the body prone to sickness, or any special disease, but the very opposite results are seen to arise from the use of spirits. If they are taken, they must be very largely diluted to avoid injury and evil.

The hot season, therefore, is one in which our readers would do well to watch their habits carefully. Sir Ranald Martin advocates the use of warm tea as a beverage, and with great reason. Tea has a stimulating effect, without the high rate of injury attributable to alcohol, and our shikarees will bear him out in this. We must not omit to observe that in all countries, and amidst all people, the presence of some form of alcohol is thought essential to their comfort. If our other observations are correct, we must hail with pleasure the enterprise of any firm that will place within the reach of the poor man the light wines of France and Germany, and the purest form of malt liquor. We have already dwelt at considerable length upon the subject of water. We pointed out then that boiling water tended to purify it, and that its purity was still further enhanced by mixing tea with it. We have therefore only now to advise those of our readers whose views lead them to be total abstainers, to look to the purification of their beverage. Many evils, worse possibly than even those attending the use of alcoholic beverages, may arise from impure water.

We want, therefore, in India cheap claret, pure beer, and a great reduction in the price of filters. Avoiding *strong* spirits, we shall yet be able to alter the size and number of our coffins, and to live a more healthy and agreeable life in a country where we are surrounded by dangers, and constantly forced to run risks of climate and circumstance. Our next consideration will be clothing, which we hold is as important as any of the other arrangements which are in our power to alter and improve.'

RECEPTIONS.

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It is always a great relief to discover that there are stages of incapacity and of inferiority below our own. The Spanish poet who thought himself the most miserable person in the world discovered another poet making tea out of the tea-leaves which he had just thrown away. The hare in the fable was reassured by the flight of the frogs at his approach, and so by analogy we may hope and even believe that somewhere or other there exists a class of entertainments which are more ill managed than what are called English "receptions." It would be interesting, though dangerous, to discover their locale, for undoubtedly, after ascertaining in what point she could deteriorate, the first impulse of the English hostess would be to act upon the knowledge thus acquired. In other branches of study, if we have not made any progress, we have at least been subject to variations. London, as Macaulay said, has its periodical fits of morality. "Once in every six or seven years our virtue becomes outrageous." If the fashions of dress are absurd, at least the absurdities attract notice to different portions of the human body. But in the character of receptions but one feature is perceptible—a gentle but persevering decay. We use the word receptions, instead of parties, with the view of investing the subject with a little majesty and solemnity while it is still open to discussion; for it is quite possible that some garrulous person will, daring the next century, relate with zest how she had seen a woman who remembered being taken to see her grandmother dress for a political reception, and that this heterogeneous institution will acquire that amount of interest which antiquity gives to all things which are no longer capable of being produced.

One of the causes at work is doubtless the belief of society, with Dogberry, that "to read and write comes by nature," and, we may add, the knowledge of most arts. Man is born prone to dance, the result of which apophthegm and the belief in it may be found in the infliction of a long series of kicks upon the unhappy partner of the escaped undergraduate or Eton boy, till the suffering ancle regrets the existence of vacations and holidays. Grammar is self-evident, and the consequence is the production of those strange vulgarisms in the letters of writers of all classes, with examples of which the newspapers teem. Special phrases may be deemed slang, but a misuse of ordinary verbs and a complete ignorance of concords can hardly merit that appellation. Every child knows French, yet by some strange infelicity there are not above ten Englishmen living who are able to talk the language fluently and correctly. Conversation indeed is perfected, unless by chance the object in view be the interchange of ideas, and not the expressions of assent and dissent. Therefore, perhaps it is no wonder that decade after decade sees the gradual extinction of the salon: that one generation appeals to Holland House, another to Cambridge House, but no one has the courage to quote any existing specimen; there is a faint confession that the race has almost passed away, and yet in the midst of cries for the employment of women an obvious outlet for some superfluous ability is opened. All possible arts and sciences are ingredients in the making of the ideal hostess; and even these would be useless had the fairies at her birth withheld the gift of tact, which disposes and applies them. It would be something if even a few attempts were made. But what takes place at the present moment is hardly to be dignified with the name of an attempt or a failure. One might as well call a modern portrait a failure, which never in any stage suggested the conception of a picture. A failure implies an original, a standard, an attempt, and is only second to success. What the hostess of 1870 is pleased to call an evening party almost baffles definition. A few salient facts may be glanced at, but there is little that is tangible. The common type seems to be the result of an accident, and that not a happy one. So much has to be done by the same person, that every day additions are made to the ranks of the slipshod, or, if we may use a French word, *décousue*, hostess. No class is now so prominent, none more tranquilly tolerated. We always deeply sympathized with Harry and Laura in the old nursery book, who, when they had asked all their friends to tea, found to their horror that their own slices of bread and butter were the only available resources at their disposal. But this is the normal condition of the slipshod hostess. She asks, and forgets that she has [illegible] asked. Her mind is always added, yet always giving birth to something else added in its turn. There is a sweet disorder," a "fine distraction," a "wild civility" in her method. Charming as these may have been as characteristics of Julia's dress, Herrick could not have wished her mind to be in a similar state. If she is hospitable, she may be desirous of seeing her acquaintances; but the means she makes use of to accomplish that end are most fearful and wonderful. Perhaps she only remembers the names of half a lost list; even if the names are eventually remembered, they probably are never written down; and should they ever attain this stage, the odds are infinite against their arrival at their destination. Perhaps no cards are sent out, and it is left to a man's intuition to evolve his invitation; perhaps the footman is told to say to anybody who calls that her ladyship will be glad to see them on the following Tuesday. Thus is a work of art, a thing of beauty, constructed, and yet even at this point greater complications may arise. For if such has been the formation of the party, what must be its postponement? and it is hardly necessary to say that with minds of this class fixity of purpose is not an usual incident. No notice is probably given of the postponement, and the surprise of the hostess is only equal to that of her guest on his arrival. Occasionally the epithet "rude" is coupled with "*décousue*" by ignorant people.

Having glanced at the process of inviting, we now arrive at the result. Its constitution, if a word implying so much may be employed, is what might naturally be expected. The guests seem to be assimilated to the nature of their hostess. The poor thing has a fresh access of difficulties on the brain. Nationalities, relations, and faces are merged together and confounded. The hero in one of De Musset's proverbs proves the force of the observation that "one cannot think of every thing." Some minds cannot think of anything—an important difference. Probably the only fixed idea in her mind is a consciousness that she is in her own house; probably the only fixed idea in the mind of her guests is regret at being out of their own houses. There is little variety, little conversation, much monotony. The collection of people has no apparent beginning, no plan, no form; it has but one merit, that of coming to an end. It would be a mockery to say that there are substances to eat and liquids to drink; there are things not to eat and not to drink—bad tea and stony cakes, *porcis comedenda* possibly, though we even doubt their capacity to digest them. Nothing can give colouring or vivacity to a party brought together under such auspices. If it is a political one, the character of the entertainment will be shown only by the existence of a larger proportion of women who are resolutely determined to cling to their husbands' arms, and who are possessed with a strong impression that they ought to say good-bye to their hostess on leaving the house. Swift might hope to effect a reformation in houses of this class. We can hardly venture to suggest a few hints. A return to the first occupations of childhood is absolutely indispensable. Let her copy out in a fair hand facts of importance, such as a list of the Cabinet Ministers or of the Lords in Waiting, dinner of the day, and write out threepages daily in a copybook embodying some such beautiful truism as that "Procrastination is the thief of time," or that manners make the woman as well as the man. This would be a step in the right direction. Let her learn a page of the *Court Guide* by heart every morning; thus old associations and memories might return. In two years she might be allowed to send out invitations for a five o'clock tea. Thus habits of order might insensibly result, and she might be convinced of the truth of Coleridge's remark, that the world is not a "goddess in pettiscoats, but the devil in a strait-waistcoat." It is the strait-waistcoat which makes life endurable. Till this consummation be arrived at, advantage might be taken of Horace's suggestion.

> Mercemur servum, qui dictet nomina, laevum
> Qui fodicet latus, et cogat trans pondera dextram
> Porrigere.

And when the companion is worn out by the labours of her vocation, a supply of flappers might be hired from Laputa.

We have dwelt upon this class of entertainments because, whilst possessing some peculiarities of its own, it has the advantage also of combining all known faults. Somewhat different forms of dreariness do undoubtedly exist, especially the habit of inducing ten or twelve people to come in after dinner, which can serve no object save that of feeding the vanity of those who have dined, and at the same time interrupting their conversation. We cannot imitate Continental manners, and the repugnance of Englishmen and Englishwomen to being "at home" to one another is an insurmountable objection to attempts of this kind. In proportion, too, to the smallness of the numbers is the difficulty of egress, for which every facility ought to be afforded by the English hostess. On the other hand, some degree of sympathy must be felt for her. Nothing can be more impossible than to make a silk purse out of the constituents of an ordinary party. The motives which urge them to leave their houses are varied in the extreme. The three following classes always have a certain number of representatives—young men who wish to make acquaintances; women who, having two or three children unmarried on their hands, brave the most cruel of east winds, and go any where at any time; and lastly, a small number of persons who can think of no other way of spending that difficult hour which intervenes between a dinner and a ball. For them the present supply is good enough, and nothing better can be expected. Competition might effect something, for the attention paid by the roturiers who burst upon society to the suppers at their balls has been of great use in raising the general standard. The *blasé* dian in one of Disraeli's novels gives as an excuse for mning at a country inn that he "is so tired of good ng." He could not complain of such a state of things at the present day. In the absence of all other merits the character of the food becomes an important item, and any improvement must be hailed with satisfaction.

To sum up, what is most wanted in this matter is a confession of incapacity; a sense of shame would be an invaluable auxiliary. The neglect of ordinary duties, so far from rising to the dignity of originality, falls to the level of common-place stupidity. The use of names is to distinguish, not to confound, the owners of them. Society does not mean the aggregation of individuals. Though we do not live to eat, at any rate we do not eat to live. Such are some of the simplest rules for the guidance of those who with good intentions practise wild civility, and who inveigle human beings into their houses under false pretences. We appeal to any one who is conversant with the salons of even small Continental towns whether we gain by comparison with them, and whether animal spirits do not sink to zero upon entering the half-lighted London drawing-room, in order to be in a fractional part of what the hostess is pleased to call "small and early"—strange epithets, which apply to the house as much as to the character of the entertainment. The first sensation of pleasure is probably due to the discovery of a back staircase, down which a perilous escape may be effected. Yet society should not consist in hairbreadth escapes. The tendency is to hurry through everything. If some great singer cannot be induced to come, Punch and Judy supply his place at the last moment. The sensation of thinking and the labour of talking must be destroyed, and an evening party may in time resemble the stage procession of a company of ill-dressed supernumeraries. Perhaps even this hypothesis of its future existence may seem to some the result of a too sanguine mind.

BUDDHAGHOSHA'S PARABLES.*

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The facilities as yet afforded for the study of Pali are by no means commensurate with its importance as a literary and a sacred language; and Professor Max Müller's task in translating the aphorisms of the Dhammapada must have been very difficult and laborious. He has appended valuable notes, which, besides explaining technical phrases, frequently exhibit the care and caution expended on difficult or doubtful passages. His preliminary dissertation, besides settling questions of dates and authenticity, contains a thoughtfull discussion on *Nirvana*, which involves the vexed point of the atheism of Buddhism. Does the "blowing out" or extinction of passions, aspirations, and desires, which the Hindu philosophy regarded as the highest bliss, and which Buddha proclaimed to be attainable through moral purity, singleness of aim and asceticism of habits, involve annihilation of the soul itself? When all attributes of the soul have disappeared, can the soul itself live, or are its attributes a condition of its own life? If we answer these questions ourselves from purely philosophical considerations, we should be inclined to pronounce such absolute calm, such exclusion of any disturbing influence, be it for evil or for good, as is intended in Nirvana to be inconsistent with the retention of any life at all in the soul. Nirvana so measured—carried, that is, to its logical result—must be extinction. And the metaphysics of Buddhism contained in the third part of the Buddhistic canon do so understand it. Regarding human life as a series of pains, disappointments, and vexations, every passion of the soul as involving pain till satisfied, and discomfort in saticty, every aspiration after an ideal being a confession of unsatisfaction, and every act as productive of new complications of evil, they treat birth as in itself an evil, and see no comfort but in the hope of freedom from the constant succession of births which was assumed as the necessary lot of the soul. As every function of the soul had been found productive of evil, the calm which they desired could only be procured by the extinction of the soul itself. If theism had been an axiom with them, the result would be different, for there would then be a higher soul into which the human soul might be absorbed, or beside which it might exist wrapped in contemplation and worship of the Divine excellences; but the system commenced in atheism and in selfishness, or rather self-absorption, and thus the result was nihilism. This appears now to be fairly acknowledged by all the best authorities on Buddhism to be the teaching of the canonical books both of the Tibetan and Chinese, and of the Southern Buddhists, and this is ably maintained by Professor Müller in several papers in *Chips from a German Workshop*, vol. I. But *à propos* of the Dhammapada, he shows the subject under a different light. The dicta of Buddhistic books are not necessarily the teachings of Gautama himself; and he may have rested in the somewhat vague conception of Nirvana as a cessation from earthly pains and passions and liability to the perpetuation of these through continual rebirths, which we find deplored even in works of Brahmanic authorship like the Bhagavadgita, without pressing the doctrine to its logical conclusion. If the Dhammapada show this, it may represent an earlier stage of Buddhism—namely, the ideas of Gautama himself—than the avowed works of even the earliest Buddhist saints. And this Professor Müller endeavours with great show of reason to prove to be the case. Anyhow it may be admitted to be unlikely that Buddhism should from the outset, and in must it have money? Because it believes that it consensus or doctrine, especially on any purely philosophical speculation; and the points of divergence between its leading writers may form as important a subject of inquiry, relatively to the importance of the religion, as those discovered by careful critics between the Apostles, or between the early Fathers of the Christian Church. Thus Professor Müller says—

'What does it mean, when Buddha, v. 21, calls reflection the path to immortality; thoughtlessness the path of death? Buddhaghosha does not, hesitate to explain immortality by Nirvana, and that the same idea was connected with it in the mind of Buddha is clearly proved by a passage immediately following, v. 23, "The wise people, meditative, steady, always possessed of strong powers, attain to Nirvana, the highest happiness." In the last verse, too, of the same chapter we read, "A Bhikshu who delights in reflection, who looks with fear on thoughtlessness, will not go to destruction—he is near to Nirvana." If the goal at which the followers of Buddha have to aim had been in the mind of Buddha perfect annihilation, "amata," *i.e.*, immortality, would have been the very last word he could have chosen as its name.

'Nirvana is certainly more than heaven or heavenly joy. "Some people are born again" (on earth), says Buddha, v. 126, "evil-doers go to hell; righteous people go to heaven; those who are free from all worldly desires enter Nirvana."

'He says (v. 383), "When you have understood the destruction of all that was made, you will understand that which was not made." This surely shows that even for Buddha a something existed which is not made, and which therefore is imperishable and eternal.

'On considering such sayings, to which many more might be added, one recognises in them a conception of Nirvana altogether irreconcilable with the nihilism of the third part of the Buddhist canon. It is not a question of more or less, but of *aut-aut*. Nirvana cannot in the same person, mean both all and nothing, and white, nothing and something. If these sayings, as recorded in the Dhammapada, have maintained themselves, in spite of their being in open contradiction to orthodox metaphysics, the only explanation, in my opinion, is that they were too firmly fixed in the tradition which went back to Buddha and his disciples.

'Only in the hands of the philosophers to whom Buddhism owes its metaphysics Nirvana, through constant negations carried to an indefinite degree, through the excluding and abstracting of all that is not Nirvana, at last became an empty nothing, a philosophical myth. There is no lack of such a philosophical myths either in the East or in the West. What has been fabled by philosophers of a Nothing, and of the terrors of a Nothing, is as much a myth as the myth of Eos and Tithonus. There is no more a Nothing than there is an Eos or a Chaos, and these are sides of dying, or dead words, which, like shadows and ghosts, continue to haunt language, and succeed in deceiving for a while even the healthiest intellect.'

We select a chapter of the Dhammapada for quotation. It illustrates the high moral tone to which Buddhism owed its rapid success and conquest over the minds of its followers, speaks of the "next world" in a style which strongly confirms Professor Müller's remarks, and shows that the author, who speaks of the "world of the gods," was no atheist, but one who at least regarded the gods as superhuman beings:—

THE WORLD.

167. Do not follow the evil law! Do not live on in thoughtlessness! Do not follow false doctrine! Be not a friend of the world.

168. Rouse thyself! do not be idle! Follow the law of virtue! The virtuous lives happily in this world and in the next.

169. Follow the law of virtue; do not follow that of sin. The virtuous lives happily in this world and in the next.

170. Look upon the world as a bubble, look upon it as a mirage: the king of death does not see him who thus looks down upon the world.

171. Come, look at this glittering world like unto a royal chariot; the foolish are immersed in it, but the wise do not cling to it.

172. He who formerly was reckless and afterwards becomes sober, brightens up this world, like the moon when freed from clouds.

173. He whose evil deeds are covered by good deeds, brightens up this world, like the moon when freed from clouds.

174. This world is dark, few only can see here; a few only go to heaven, like birds escaped from the net.

175. The swans go on the path of the sun, they go through the ether by means of their miraculous power; the wise are led out of this world, when they have conquered Mara and his train.

176. If a man has transgressed one law, and speaks lies, and scoffs at another world, there is no evil he will not do.

177. The uncharitable do not go to the world of the gods; fools only do not praise liberality; a wise man rejoices in liberality, and through it becomes blessed in the other world.

178. Better than sovereignty over the earth, better than going to heaven, better than lordship over all worlds, is the reward of the first step in holiness.

The parables of Buddhaghosha picture Buddhism in action, its precepts as understood by and as preached to the common people, and its saints as surrounded by a halo, not of sanctity of life only or principally, but of magical powers for good or for evil, which certainly must, if real, have secured them, out of very fear, the awe and reverence of the laity; while the stories themselves, when piously believed in by succeeding generations, could not but educate these in the same awe and obedience. There is abundance of individual character displayed, and a fund of amusement is supplied in the stories, which at the same time serve as an admirable compilation and corrective to the estimate which would be made of Buddhism from its philosophical maxim only. Whatever may be the ultimate state of existence in Nirvana, we find quite sufficient recognition of rewards and punishments in a future life to satisfy the needs of the conscience, and to give to Buddhism a high moral character. This point is gained by its implicit belief in the re-birth of the soul on earth, and the effect of the deeds of the soul in one life on its condition in the next. Many of these stories, although very short, trace a personage through several lives, and this moral is never wanting. Another striking characteristic is the importance assumed by preaching in this religion. To hear Gautama (who is here called Para Taken) expound some chapter of his law is the aspiration of all his disciples in the stories, and it is rewarded by an advancement of one or more grades in the scale of sanctity; and the preaching of saints or monks often has the same effect. These saints and monks, it may also be observed, receive unbounded respect and immense offerings from the faithful, and the book inculcates the merit and the rewards attending such, in the style of the worst ages of the Christian Church. But we must not begin to institute comparisons between Buddhism and many (especially the monastic) phases of Christianity, or we should never end. One very amusing story ends with the moral,

'Therfore Para Taken preached, "Beloved Rahans, offerings made to the priesthood, though they be but small, are rewarded as if they were great. Large offerings receive still more excellent rewards."'

We can only give an extract from one story, about a young woman whose child was dead. We selected it before noticing Professor Müller's commendation of it in his Introduction:—

'Kisagotami went to Para Taken, and doing homage to him said, "Lord and master, do you know any medicine that will be good for my boy?" Para Taken replied, "I know of some." She asked, "What medicine do you require?" He said, "I want a handful of mustard seed." The girl promised to procure it for him, but Para Taken continued, "I require some unmustard seed taken from a house where no son, husband parent, or slave has died." The girl said, "Very good," and went to ask for some at the different houses, carrying the dead body of her son astride on her hip. [The ordinary way of carrying children in Burmah and India.] But all people said, "Here is some mustard seed, take it." Then she asked, "In my friend's house had there died a son, a husband, a parent, or a slave?" They replied, "Lady, what is this that you say? The living are few, but the dead are many." Then she went to other houses, but one said, "I have lost a son;" another, "I have lost my parents;" another I "I have lost my slave." At last, not being able to find a single house where no one had died, from which to procure the mustard seed, she began to think, "This is a heavy task that I am engaged in. I am not the only one whose son is dead. In the whole of the Savatthi country, everywhere children are dying, parents are dying." Thinking of this, and of the law of fear, and putting away her affection for her child, she summoned up resolution, and left the dead body in a forest; then she went to Para Taken and paid him homage. He said to her, "Have you procured the handful of mustard seed?" "I have not," she replied; "the people of the village told me, the living are few, but the dead are many." Para Taken said to her, "You thought that you alone had lost a son; the law of death is that among all living creatures there is no permanence." When Para Taken had finished preaching the law, Kisagotami was established in the reward of Sotapatti [one of the grades of sanctity]; and all the assembly who heard the law were also established in the reward of Sotapatti.'

* *Buddhaghosha's Parables.* Translated from Burmese by Captain T. Rogers, R.E. With an Introduction, containing Buddha's Dhammapada, or "Path of Virtue," translated from Pali, by F. Max Müller, M.A. London: Trübner & Co. 1870.

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